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Kadishai: Begin never thought

Sharon lied about Lebanon

MENACHEM Begin never be-lieved that then-defense minister Ariel Sharon lied to him about any aspect of the 1982 Peace for Galilee operation, but thought Sharon had "implemented, with loyalty and devotion, [Begin's] will and the will of the government in the destruction of the PLO state in Lebanon," a Begin aide told the Tel Aviv District

Court yesterday. Yehiel Kadishai, who served as director of Begin's office when the latter was prime minister. added that Begin very much appreciated Sharon's efforts, and that "If Menachem Begin thought defense minister Ariel Sharon had lied to him, I would have known about it."

Kadishai made these statements in an affidavit submitted to the court as part of a libel suit by Ariel Sharon against the Ha'aretz newspaper and its reporter, Uzi Benziman, who in May 1991 wrote that Begin knew that Sharon had lied to him.

According to the affidavit, Begin was deeply involved with and aware of all facets of the operation, and was pleased with the IDF's progress into Lebanon even after it had crossed the 40kilometer line that Sharon had originally set.

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"He believed Operation Peace for Galilee was justified and important, and was convinced until the day he died that Operation Peace for Galilee achieved its aims and removed the threat that was hanging over the State of (Continued on Page 22)







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Prime Minister Shimon Peres stands with Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak yesterday, as he bids farewell to the General Staff in Tel Aviv. Shahak presented Peres with a globe circled with the symbols of the IDF. (Story, Page 4)

Gov't puzzle Yisrael Ba'aliya is key finally takes shape

BACKGROUND

SARAH HONIG

NOW that the bigger coalition partners know what they are getting in the way of portfolios, the Likud's own ministerial hopefuls are beginning to realize their own pickings are very slim. Moshe Katsav, a former minis-

ter and Knesset faction chairman, is a case in point. He warned yesterday that he would prefer not to serve in the government at all if allotted only a minor portfolio - like Health, which, according to Likud insiders, is what has been earmarked for him.

The trouble for Katsav and other would-be Likud ministers is that accommodating as prime (Continued on Page 22)

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IF a way is found to square things with Yisrael Ba'aliya, Binyamin Netanyahu could present his government to the new Knesset when it convenes for the first time on Monday.

He took a big step forward yes-terday in satisfying the National Religious Party, but he also took two steps backward: Yisrael Ba'aliya rejected his latest offer, and Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair ruled against keeping the Internal Security portfolio in trust for Tsomet's Rafael Eitan, who could be indicted on charges of taking a classified document

from the IDF. Netanyahu now needs to decide what to do in Eitan's case. and he has to find a way of changing Yisrael Ba'aliya's mind or of getting United Tora Judaism to let the new party have the Housing portfolio.

Likud insiders expect Housing to go to UTI and Finance will most likely end up with Ariel Sharon. Netanyahu might now seek to convince the Council of Torah Sages to let Natan Sharansky become housing minister with a UTI deputy. The tug-of-war for Housing

continues to be Netanyahu's biggest headache. (Continued on Page 22)

Netanyahu: Arab leaders' threats will have adverse effect

PRIME minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday ended a week of silence on recent tough Arab statements, charging that inflammatory rhetoric will prove counterproductive.

"We are not affected by various declarations from certain quarters," Netanyahu de-clared, in a statement released by his office. "Threatening rhetoric will produce exactly the opposite effect. We will continue the quest to reach a genuine peace, which means peace with security."

Netanyahu's statements came despite his initial belief that it was better not to respond, lest there be an escalation of rhetoric. However political sources said Netanyahu felt there was a need to react to

repeated threats.
First, there was a three-nation

DAVID MAKOVSKY and Itim summit in Damascus last weekend voicing concern that a stalemate on the peace process could cause the region to be swept up in "ten-

sion and violence. Then, Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe said there would be a reigniting of the intifada if Israel does not pull back from most of Hebron as specified in Oslo 2.

And a prominent Palestinian official called the unfinished guidelines of the new government the equivalent of a "declaration of

Fatah in Gaza, however, denied radio reports that it and Hamas were cooperating on attacks in the territories, and that PA security services had threatened to halt a campaign against Islamic militants if the Netanyahu government doesn't pull out of Hebron.

Army Radio said the head of

one of the Palestinian security services sent a message to Netanyahu in which he said operations against Hamas and Islamic Jihad would be called off within a few weeks unless there is progress in the peace negotiations.

The ultimate test of any agreement with the Palestinians is the security issue, and there will be no compromises in this area. We are not impressed by the various declarations and threats that have been issued by Arab leaders," Netanyahu said earlier in the day, upon emerging from the Alon Shvut home of Uri and Yehudit Dasberg.

Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, paid a condolence call to the Dasbergs, the parents of Efrat Unger, who was murdered with her husband, Yaron, in the drive-by shooting near Beit Shemesh on Sunday night.

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PA mufti: Rise up against occupation

JERUSALEM'S Palestinian Authority-appointed mufti has called for Palestinians to "rise up with all their might against the occupa-tion," and warned that he would not stand in the way of suicide

The statements have raised concern among Israeli officials. Sheikh Akram Sabri made the

statements in his sermon at Al Aksa last Friday, and in newspaper interviews following the elec-tion victory of Binyamin Netan-

A senior security source said his estinian officials, including Planning Minister Nabil Shaath and Hassan Asfour, a senior peace talks negotiator, contain threats of a renewal of the intifada.

"The Likud has already ... promised to take Jerusalem off the negotiating agenda, as if the city is only theirs," Sabri said in his sermon. "For us, there is really no difference between the Likud and

Labor. They are both heretics."

There is no one that can deny the Jews act deviously, as the Koran itself shows, and no one knows when they will be stopped," said Sabri, who was appointed to his post two years ago by PA President Yasser Arafat to replace the Jordanian-appointed mufti of Jerusalem.

We must rise up against the occupation with all our might to achieve what we want. It is forbidden for us to sit quietly. If we are the obligation of all Moslems to stand by the Palestinians, for the sake of Jerusalem."

Police are reportedly considering summoning Sabri for question-

ing, on grounds the sermon was inciting. The police spokesman confirmed that an investigation is under way, but said it remains unclear whether he would be called in for questioning.
In an interview with a Ramallah

newspaper published several days before the sermon, Sabri was asked if he had issued a religious ruling against carrying out suicide bombings. He answered, "I never issued such a ruling, and the PA never asked me to do so."

Mayor Ehud Olmert included Sabri's office on a list he presented to the outgoing government, demanding the closure of organizations connected with the PA in the city. He said their activity is forbidden according to Israeli law and the peace accords.







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Clinton: Give Edelstein: We're not Likud's rubber stamp Netanyahu elbow room

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PRESIDENT Bill Clinton said yesterday that he was encouraged by prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu's statements on Middle East peace, adding that Washington would give him "elbow room" to assemble his

new government. In the meantime, Clinton said at a news conference, "I think... we can rely on [Netanyahu's] own statements, which have been quite encouraging about continuing the peace process and respecting the work that has been done to date ... I feel very good about that."

He said Netanyahu's stance bears out the position the United States has taken that we support the peace process and these who take risks for peace."

While the government is being formed, Clinton said, "I think we have to leave the prime ministerdesignate Mr. Netanyahu his elbow room to put his government together and to go forward."

Meanwhile, Clinton was scheduled to meet at the White House last night with Jordan's King Hussein, at the close of the latter's three-day Washington visit. Hussein said late Wednesday he hopes that the upcoming Arab League summit will result in a continuation of the peace process and a unified stand against terrorism.

In a closed meeting with the House International Relations Committee and other congressmen, Hussein said he hoped nothing at the Cairo meeting jeopardizes the negotiations, participants said. He also stated that while he has

been and will remain a good friend of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, he could not blame Israelis for voting for Netanyahu and an improvement in personal security.

Hussein said he was convinced of Netanyahu's ability to advance the peace process, and House members reportedly left the meeting impressed by Hussein's vote of confidence in the incoming premier.

Clinton will officially affirm the PLO's compliance with the Oslo accords in the coming days, a senior administration official said yesterday. The decision has become a rou-

tine part of US involvement in the peace process but is required under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act. The administration sent its most recent PLO compliance report to Capitol Hill a month ago.

US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross told a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Palestinian-Israeli security cooperation has been improving since the February and March suicide bombings, participants said.

Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) said afterward he is concerned that next week's Cairo summit will send a message to some Israelis that members of the Arab League remain hostile to Israel.

He called the participation of Iraq and Libya at the meeting "insane," and said "it locks in the hardest line in Israel to say, "This is what we've said before, that you

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YOCHI DREAZEN

Coalition talks between Yisrael Ba'aliya and the Likud - which broke off Wednesday - are in danger of breaking down totally because of the Likud's attitude towards the party, according to YB MK Yuli Edelstein, who is in charge of negotiations with the

"Our feeling was that they were not treating us seriously," he said. "We'd rather be an active part of the opposition than the Likud's rubber stamp.

Edelstein said that party leader Natan Sharansky's meeting yesterday with prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu was not directly related to the negotiations.

"Sharansky is an Israeli citizen who was called to a meeting with the prime minister," he said. "Our negotiations, however, are still on Edelstein said that he was

"skeptical" of Netanyahu's ability to present his cabinet on Monday, when the new Knesset convenes for the first time. The Likud might be able to do

it, but it would require a new attitude towards the negotiations," he said. "But I think that it may take a few more days."

Edelstein added that the party's

differences with the Likud over coalition guidelines were not seri-"Some discussion is necessary,

but we'll be able to come to an agreement," he said. "The differences are not that critical." Edelstein admitted, however,

that the Likud had not yet finalized what is likely to be the most controversial of the new guidelines, on religious issues, because of differences of opinion with the religious parties. We want the status quo on reli-

gious issues, with more details to come later," he said. Edelstein explained that his

party is seeking two ministries for its seven MKs. "We are demanding the Housing

Ministry and a beefed-up Absorption Ministry with differ-



MK-elect Yuri Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya) receives flowers yesterday from Gadna members who visited his Jerusalem home to congratulate him on his election to the Knesset.

Kahalani, Netanyahu meet; no agreement on Golan plank

pursuing the Housing portfolio, as Shas and the NRP have dropped their claims on it, and UTI has THIRD Way head Avigdor been ordered by its rabbinic men-Kahalani met with prime ministors to only pursue positions as ter-elect Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday, and said there is still no The Likud, he said, is still insistagreement on the wording of the government's guidelines regarding the Golan, or the Third Way's ing on a different MK-ministry ratio for itself than for its coalition demand that it be given the freepartners, a stipulation which dom to vote any way it wishes on Yisrael Ba'aliya will not accept.

religous-state matters. We have not yet finished," Kahalni said. "The principle of **HERB KEINON**

giving us freedom to vote on religious matters seems acceptable with the Likud, but the wording has not been finalized."

The same, he said, is true of the Likud's plank on the Golan. The Likud's proposed guidelines reads that the party "will insist that Israel retain sovereignty on the Golan." Kahalani said that this

clause is not unequivocal enough. Regarding portfolios, Kahalani said that he wanted the Transportation and Tourism ministries, but now that Transportation has been offered to the National Religious Party, Kahalani said he will not be satisfied with only the

Tourism Ministry. No date for a further meeting between the two parties has been

Islamic Jihad member indicted for planning attacks

ISLAMIC Jihad activist Hassan Hawajeh, 28, of Gaza's Shati refugee camp, was indicted yesterday in the Erez Military Court for preparing terrorist attacks. His remand was also extended for 20

He was arrested on March 18 by security forces as he entered Gaza, on suspicion that he had met with Hizbullah members and-Syrian and Iranian representatives in Lebanon, Syria and Algeria. He is said to have been seeking

ent powers and greater funding,"

Edelstein added that Yisrael

Ba'aliya was the only party still

"We definitely won't agree to this type of discrimination," he

financing for the purchase of arms - receive ample financial aid to for Islamic Jihad establish a large terror infrastation According to the indictment.

Hawajeh received weapons and explosives training from Hizbullah in Lebanon, and was to have recruited others for training to carry out attacks on IDF soldiers and settlers.

He was also told that he would

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ture in Gaza, and that Hizbullah would smuggle arms and explosives into Gaza from Egypt and Jordan. He was given \$2,000 to fund his travels.

Hawajeh has refused to talk in court, saying only that his lawver is Andrei Rosenthal.

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The government has dispatched a delegation of observers to monitor the first round of the Russian presidential elections on Sunday. They will be posted at polling stations in Moscow.

The delegation includes Foreign Ministry deputy director-general Hanan Brown; former ambassador to the US Meir Rosenne, Hebrew University Prof. Ted Friedgut, a specialist on Russian affairs, and Alec Milman, from the Foreign Ministry's East European department.

Israeli observers have served as monitors in elections to the Russian parliament.

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2 killed in accidents

A 21-year-old was killed yesterday when the tractor he was driving overturned, crushing him. The man was working on an irrigation ditch in a field on Moshav Amatzia, near Kiryat Gat.

A person was killed, and another seriously hurt when their truck overturned near Beit Shemesh. Police closed the road in both directions.

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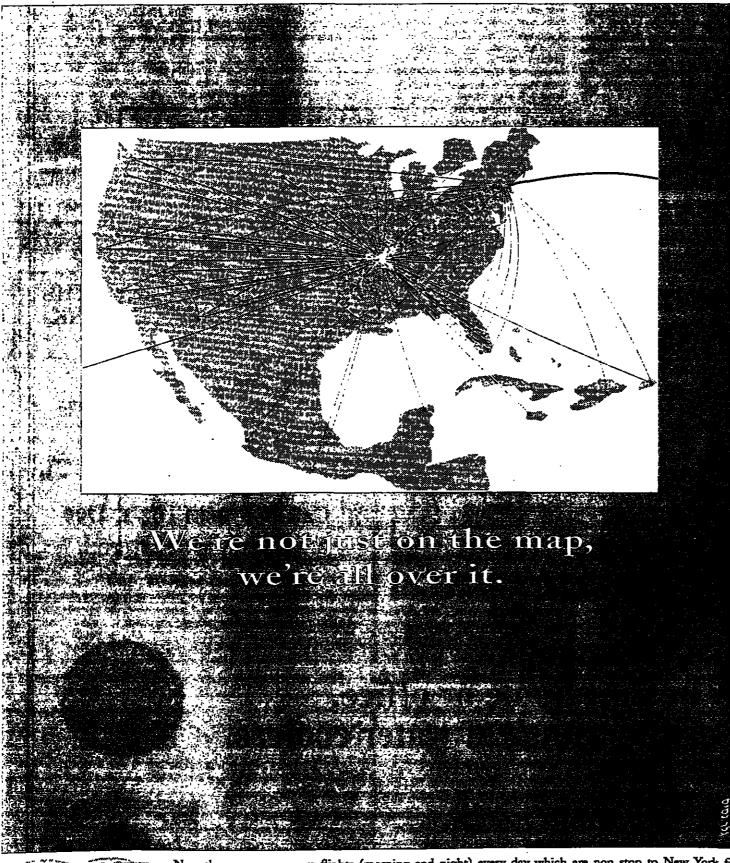
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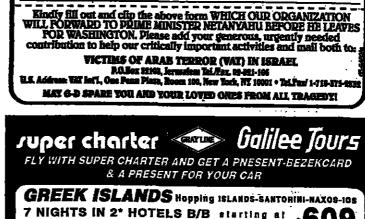
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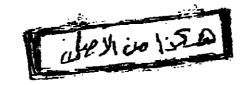
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AT LEAST two of the Hizbullah gunmen involved in the deadly ambush of Nahal Brigade troops in the security zone on Monday were killed by the soldiers, OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine revealed yesterday, as tension in the region remained high.

A huge explosive device was detonated in Huleh village in the eastern sector of the zone, without inflicting any casualties.

In an unrelated incident, an IDF officer was moderately wounded during a training exercise, which also took place in the eastern region of the zone. He was hit by shrapnel from a grenade, and evacuated by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. Northern Command is investigating the

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the roadside bomb attack in Huleh saying it was aimed at a South Lebanese Army security official. Reports said the device was detonated as residents of the zone were passing in a civilian car. They escaped unburt.

THE condition of the five Nahal soldiers who were

wounded in Monday's Hizbullah attack in southern Lebanon and are hospitalized at Haifa's Rambam

Hospital is improving, a hospital official said.

Dr. Zvi Ben-Yishai, Rambam's deputy director, said that Cpl. David Goldschleger, 19, of Kiryat Motzkin, who had suffered serious abdominal and

chest wounds had been removed from the respirator

and taken from the intensive care unit to the thoracic

Sgt. Nimrod Mor, 20, of Kfar Azar, who had suf-

fered serious abdominal wounds, was also improv-

ing, though his condition is still listed as serious.

DAVID RUDGE

The abortive attack in the center of a populated area was viewed by Israel as a blatant breach of the Operation Grapes of Wrath understandings.

Hizbullah, however, maintains it is adhering to the understandings and, for that reason, has been forced to change its methods of operation. A senior Hizbullah official was quoted on the organization's radio station earlier this week as saying that it is now operating "deeper inside enemy territory" as a result of the understand-

He said Hizbullah was no longer firing from villages north of the zone and was unable to give covering fire to assist the withdrawal of units returning from operations. The comments followed criti-

cism by senior members of the Lebanese government of Hizbullah's actions and the role of its mentor Iran in Lebanese

Levine stressed that the officers and soldiers in the ambushed

patrol had acted properly and had managed to kill at least two of the gunmen, despite the very difficult circumstances.

"We did not find any faults and we won't change the regulations. We have to hit Hizbullah and we will find the way to do so," he said during a ceremony to mark the changeover of command of the IDF's Lebanese Liaison Unit.

Brig.-Gen. Giora Inbar, who held the position for two years. was yesterday replaced by Brig. Gen. Eli Amitai. The ceremony was attended by senior IDF officers, as well as SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad and senior SLA officers. Inbar is to command a reserve brigade.

Levine was asked whether there had been an increase in collaboration between residents of the zone and Hizbullah. "There is no change in this matter," he replied. "If there is some collaboration here and there, it is minimal as it has always been. That is not the problem. The problem is that we have to fight Hizbullah in every



A Homefront Command soldier gets a shower during a chemical warfare exercise yesterday at Hadassah University Hospital, Mount Scopus. The IDF, police, Fire Department, Magen David Adom and Health Ministry participated.

(Brian Headler)

Syria, Lebanon upset at secret Iranian aid to Hizbullah

Wounded Nahal soldiers improving Sgt. Chen Aloni, 20. of Kibbutz Dorot, St.-Sgt. Shmuel Kreutero, 20, of Beersheba, and Cpl. Danny Brislov, 19, of Haifa, are also making progress. They are hospitalized together in the orthopedic depart-

President Ezer Weizman, and his wife, Reuma, who returned from Turkey late Wednesday night morning, visited the wounded soldiers in the hospi-

The situation in Lebanon is not what it should be," Weizman said. He added he hoped the IDF and the incoming government would "find better solu-

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truly appreciated the way Hizbullah helped us to hold our heads high against the Israelis," a Lebanese security official was quoted as saying. "But now it is a blatant scheme for Iran to buy

Relations between Syria and Iran deteriorated still further when Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammed Khonsari secretly visited Damascus to meet with prominent extremists and distribute more largesse in Lebanon.

At this point, Hrawi intervened and declared that Lebanon would "not allow foreign countries, even friendly ones, to open boutiques to market their political merchan-

Neither the Syrians nor the

Lebanese had been informed

about the deal, which subsequent-

ly fell through.

He insisted that foreign aid should be sent through official channels and accused Hizbullah of serving foreign masters. "Until now we have kept quiet

about Iranian help, because we

influence in Lebanon."

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, however, remained defiant. "Whether the Lebanese officials like it or not," he said, "Iran has a role to pay in Lebanon. No power can prevent it."

According to the newsletter, the recent difficulties in Syrian-Iranian relations do not presage an end to their alliance: "If Assad thinks the Middle East peace process is not serving his interests, he will need an Iranianarmed Hizbullah to destabilize the southern front line."

On this point, it quotes a source Hizbullah as saying: The peace process is as good as dead, and Assad will unshackle us soon."

Peres bids farewell to General Staff I think it is the duty of the General

defense minister but who has played a key role in Israel's defense for nearly 50 years, bade defense for nearly 50 years, bade next government decides will be the stressed that the General farewell to the General Staff yes- decisions which will have to be Staff had gone through a time of how to do this," Shahak said. terday in Tel Aviv, praising the obeyed," Peres said at a ceremony officers' loyalty and urging them at army headquarters.

Velayati then traveled to Beirut,

where he was snubbed by

President Elias Hrawi, but

received by Prime Minister Rafik

His visit not only further

exposed Teheran's financial aid to

Hizbullah, but also aroused con-

cern among Lebanese officials

that Iran was increasing its invest-ment in Hizbullah to enhance its

performance in Lebanon's elec-

tion, which is due in the autumn.

The rift between the Lebanese

government and Hizbullah

widened, according to the newslet-

ter, when German intelligence

chief Bernd Schmidbauer visited

Beirut to mediate the exchange of

the bodes of two Israeli soldiers

being held by Hizbullah for "some

important Lebanese prisoners in

be true to the new government.

TENSIONS among Iran, Syria, Lebanon, and Hizbullah are

reported to be growing over clan-

destine Iranian operations in

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Iranian leaders are said to be

'irritated" by what they perceive

to be Syrian President Hafez

Assad's compliance with Washington in imposing new

rules of engagement on Hizbullah

According to the London-based

newsletter Foreign Report, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali

Akbar Velayati was in Damascus

when US Secretary of State

Warren Christopher negotiated the "understanding" which ended Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Velayati was anxious to block

the agreement, but was ignored by

both Assad and Foreign Minister Farouk Shara, who refused to see

PRIME Minister Shirnon Peres,

who winds up seven months as

in confrontations with Israel.

here yesterday.

"It has been pleasure to work "I know there is no problem of with this General Staff," Peres loyalty to the government. The said, adding that he has worked

with the IDF redeployment in Judea and Samaria, and combating the proliferation of un-conventional weapons in the Middle its contribution to peace. "To make peace is really like going through a mine field of bat-

tle and horror to another mine field of peace. The differences are not in the mines or the dangers, the difference is the final goal," Peres said.

unprecedented difficulty, battling

against Islamic terrorism, dealing

Smiling, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak warmly thanked Peres and told him: "Anyone who comes in contact with the IDF comes away strengthened.

"It seems to me that a prime

Staff to give you, as prime minister and minister of defense, the best clearest professional data that we can, and I hope we knew

"I and the General Staff have received full backing and a very comfortable feeling of understanding that our voices have been heard. Even if there were not always agreements, we were heard East. Still, he praised the IDF for to the end and decisions were made with balanced indement in a way in which we felt we were part of the decision," Shahak said.

Shahak then presented Peres with a photo album tracing Peres's decades of working with the army and defense ministry. He also gave Peres a globe circled with the symbols of the IDF.

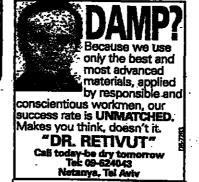
Then the generals, munching on nuts, stood and clinked their glasses in an orange juice toast to Peres,

a man who entered the Defense Ministry at age 29 as director-general and who left the building yesminister is pretty lonely at the top. terday, possibly for the last time.

Terrorist gets life for killing soldier

ITZAM Kadmani, convicted of the murder of soldier Arye Frankenthal in 1994, was sentenced to life in prison by the Lod Military Court yesterday. Kadmani, 21, of Jerusalem, was

part of a three-member cell that



planned to kidnap a soldier, take his weapon, and exchange him for several hundred security prisoners serving life terms, including Sheikh Ahmed Yassin. They would drive on main roads

in the South, in a car with Israeli license plates and wearing kippot, looking for hitchhiking soldiers. On July 6, 1994, they came across Frankenthal, who was looking for a ride near Kiryat Malachi, But after picking him up and later demanding his weapon at gun-point, he began to yell, and fearing he would actively resist, Kadmani and another cell member shot him in the head at point-blank range.

The two other cell members were killed the following month in a shoot-out with police, during which Kadmani and three policemen were wounded. (Itim)

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Ex-Histadrut treasurer: Haberfeld told me to transfer money to Shas

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FORMER Histadrut treasurer Meir Steigman, accused of fraud and breach of trust, said he received orders from ex-Histadrut secretary-general Haim Haber-feld to transfer NIS 234,000 to the Shas affiliated Yom Le'yom

Steigman, 65, testified yester-day in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court at the opening of his trial. In 1994, while he was the Histadrut treasurer, Steigman was empowered to transfer money to suppliers and others who provided services to the Histadrut on the condition that the latter actually received such services. According to the indictment, the Histadrut did not receive services from the haredi newspaper, and Steigman did not check why the

money was being transferred.

Steigman said in court that the money was paid in advance for advertisements which were supposed to be published in Yom Le'yom. Even if the ads did not appear, he added, this was not his responsibility, nor was it under his control.

His lawyer, Avraham Landstein, said that paying advertising fees in advance was an acceptable practice, and that Steigman had received instructions from Haberfeld to pay the money. Haberfeld had also ordered him to pay out other sums to different suppliers, said Landstein.

Landstein said that the defense would prove during the trial that his client did not commit acts of

Supreme Court rejects appeal of three stock manipulators

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court yesterday rejected the appeals of three men convicted of stock manipulation, saying their behavior was extremely destructive, and mandated serious punishment.

"The appellants damaged their customers; they damaged the public interest; they damaged the foundation of the capital market; and they damaged the public's trust in this market," wrote Justices Aharon Barak, Gavriel Bach, and Yitzhak Zamir in their verdict. "It is necessary to deter others from similar acts.

Shmuel Vaknin, Nissim Avioz, and Dov Landau owned an investment consulting firm. In 1988, they persuaded two customers to buy stock in the Agriculture Bank by falsely assuring them it was a safe and profitable investment. To prove the investment was worthwhile, they told the customers that they themselves held large quantities of this stock, and were not planning to sell. However, they were actually

After the customers agreed to buy a certain number of shares, the three bought more than double this amount, thereby sending the clients' bank accounts into overdraft. When the customers discovered this, they demanded that the appellants sell the excess shares.

Since the appellants knew they could not sell the shares for as much money as the clients had paid, they then began manipulating Agriculture Bank's stock, which they could do because they owned the lion's share of it. They did this by placing a large buy order, which they disguised as several small orders from different banks to get around market regulations. Since no one except them could meet this order, the price of the stock was artificially driven up.
The Tel Aviv District Court

convicted all three on three counts of stock fraud, and sentenced them each to 1½ years in prison and a NIS 50,000 fine. They then appealed the conviction and the sentence to the Supreme Court.

However, the justices rejected both appeals. They found no reason to overturn the lower court's finding as to the men's guilt, and they also rejected the argument that the sentence was harsh in given those guilty of similar

"The sentence imposed on the appellants is not at all harsh," the justices wrote. "In our opinion, this case is clearly one of severe misbehavior that justifies a stringent sentence."

Weizmann discovery could help in developing drugs against autoimmune diseases

JUDY SIEGEL

WEIZMANN Institute researchers have discovered an important enzyme that acts as a "suicide weapon" causing cells to self-destruct, leading to autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis and juvenile-onset diabetes.

Identifying this crucial step in the self-annihilation of cells could lead to the design of drugs for controlling this process.

The finding, described in today's issue of the scientific journal Cell, was reported by Prof. David Wallach of the institute's department of membrane research and biophysics, whose research team included graduate students Mark Boldin, Tanya Goncharov and Yury Goltsev. Their work advances the understanding of a variety of other normal and abnormal processes involving "cell suicide."

Wallach said the body's cells die regularly in a normal process that enables organs to repair and renew. themselves. But in certain autoimmune diseases, the immune system mistakenly regards tissue was a foreign invader and commands healthy cells to destroy themselves. In multiple sclerosis, the myelin coating of the nerve cells are destroyed, and in Type-1 diabetes, the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas are wiped out.

It has been known for several years that in these disorders, certain cells receive the self-destruct

message through three receptor molecules on their surface, known as Fas/Apo-1 and two tumor necrosis factor (TNF) receptors. Now the Weizmann team have discovered and cloned the "snicide weapon"that translates this message into action: an enzyme they called MACH. This substance cuts up certain vital proteins inside the cell, disrupting its functioning and

causing it to die. They also discovered that the message is relayed directly from the receptor to the suicide machinery inside the cells, unlike many other cellular processes that involve multiple stages and messengers. "We were amazed to discover how little it takes to trigger cellular self-destruction; it's as if cells always live on the brink of suicide," said Wallach, who has studied TNF receptors for 14 years and was among the first research-

ers in the world to clone them. The researchers believe the new understanding of the process may make it possible to block it in autoimmune disorders, selectively cutting off the abnormal signals while allowing other cell suicide processes to continue in tissues where they are needed. It could also help understand the growth of cancerous tumors, in which cellular suicide mechanisms that maintain normal tissue growth are sometimes dis-



Shas MK Aryeh Deri leaves Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem yesterday, having recovered from a very minor stroke. The 38-year-old MK was told to rest and take half an aspirin a day to thin out his blood. His doctors said Deri was fortunate that a larger blood vessel had not been blocked with a blood clot; instead, it was a very small one in the right side of his brain, whose blockage cansed him temporary lack of sensation in his left arm and leg. (Text: Judy Siegel; Photo: Brian Hendler)

Jerusalem principals to get greater autonomy in new pilot program

JERUSALEM'S elementary school principals will have greater autonomy over their school's subschool year, as part of a pilot proram agreed upon by the city, the Finance Ministry and the Education Ministry.

"We are talking about a drastic increase in the amount of autonomy in the schools," Olmert said in a Wednesday press conference.

The plan - effective September 1 - calls for each school to operate as a "closed economic system." The principal will be in charge of allocating funds to the programs they deem important, and possess greater freedom in choosing the school's carriculum.

Nissim Solomon, the head of the Jerusalem Education Authority, explained that except for a core curriculum set by the government, each principal will be able to decide which subjects should be

"Some may want to add more classes in nature or music, while classes in religion subjects is more appropriate for their schools," he

taught in the schools.

said. "Either way, the authority to decide what is best for a particular school will be in the hands of the person who knows it best." As part of the program, the Jerusalem school system will receive an increase of NIS 20 million an-

nually, and principals will be able to allocate funds to projects - like improved maintenance or a new computer lab, for example that they feel are most needed in their schools. Solomon said the new system

changes the principal from a "plant manager to a director-general," and added that if the experiment proves successful, the government hopes to expand it to all of the country's schools.



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Gaza military court remands Palestinan rights activist for 15 days

A MILITARY court in Gaza remanded human rights activist Dr. Eyad Sarraj yesterday for 15 days after accusing him of bitting a police offficer. The officer appeared in court with a bandaged

Two hours later he appeared in a civil court where the judge ordered him released on bail concerning drug possession charges, to which Sarraj pleaded not guilty. But Sarraj, arrested on Sunday, was taken back to prison because of the assault charge.

Sarraj, a psychiatrist who heads the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights, appeared fatigued according to observers who saw him for a few minutes in the civil

"He told me he was beaten in the back by police and investigators who tried to get him to admit that he possessed drugs," said Khader Shkeirat, a West Bank lawyer. "But they also discussed a letter he sent to [Palestinan Authority President Yasser] Arafat. This was the real reason for his arrest."

Sarraj was arrested more than 24 hours before police claimed to find 95 grams of hashish in his office. He was previously arrest-

ed last month and spent nine days in prison following an in-terview in The New York Times in which he complained of serious human rights violations by

In his letter to Arafat last week, Sarraj wrote that he was upset "hearing you on CNN saving that you released me after I apologized. You know that is not true... I apologized for any personal hurt but not concerning facts and what I have said ... This hurts me and is a mistake that requires an apology.

"Mr. President, you are the first to know that that the work of the Commission for Citizens' Rights established by your decree... was damaged because of the failure of the Palestinian Authority to cooperate. I did not go to the media until I had knocked on all doors... My press statements did not exceed the painful reality... of corruption, nepotism and torture in prisons... We cannot deceive the people, for all know the truth.

"The continuation of the slandering campaign... leaves me no option but to refer to the Palesand public opinion.

.Sir, I conclude with the hope that we can open a new chapter. We are both in the same homeland - Palestine... There is no alternative but to protect the individual's dignity without fear, threats and humiliation."

A condition of Sarraj's release last month had been that he would stop talking to the for-eign press, but in his letter he said he would continue to talk to the media. The Palestinian press, which Sarraj said was intimidated into not talking with him, has published nothing about his latest arrest.

The Sarraj case has begun to arouse interest among the manin-the-street in Gaza, where human rights issues are normally treated with indifference or

resignation. Other human rights groups have called for Sarraj's immediate release. The Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights, which includes many Palestinian notables among its board of commissioners, said it was clear that he assaulted no

policeman but was himself beat-

State to offer man convicted of murder documents which led to his imprisonment

MORDECHAI Keidar, who was convicted of murdering an intelligence informant in 1961, will now be allowed to see some, though not necessarily all, of the documents related to his case, the state told the High Court of Justice

Keidar, who spent 17 years in prison for the murder (including three years during his trial), has been out of prison since 1975, and has been living abroad for much of the time since. This year, he petitioned the High Court to get the state to let him examine all the material from his trial, so that he can try to prove his innocence. At the hearing, government at-

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torney Michael Blass noted that after 35 years, it is not easy to focate all the material, which is scattered among the General Security Service, the IDF Judge Advocate-General's Office, the Prisons Service, and the Justice Ministry. However, the protocol of the trial, the verdict, Keidar's appeal, and documents from his Prisons Service file were found, and the state is willing to let Keidar see all of these. It will also continue searching for other mate-

Blass denied Keidar's charge

made available to him has beer

Keidar responded that this is not enough; he also wants to see all the evidence. There are at least three documents he remembers from the trial which do not appear in the list of what the state is giving him,

However, Justices Aharon Barak, Gavriel Bach and Dorit Beinish rejected this request. If he is still not satisfied after seeing the documents offered by the state, he can come back to the court, they said, but he should at least examine these documents first to see if they are sufficient for his purpose.

Remand of alleged embezzler of NIS 30m. extended for 7 more days

YOSEF Topol, former comp-troller of the Bank Hapoalimcontrolled Amot investment company, was remanded for a further seven days by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The whereabouts of over NIS 30 million he allegedly embezzled over the last 10 years still remains a mystery, though it is speculated it is in bank accounts abroad.

The massive theft was only discovered when the management of the company changed. since Amot does not employ an internal controller to supervise RAINE MARCUS

financial proceedings. Topol only admits stealing part of the money. He told investigators the NIS 12 or so million he admitted stealing had

Topol, 55, of Rishon Lezion. did not have an extravagant life style, and ostensibly lived on his salary. Police are certain that he embezzled at least NIS 30 million, but are not sure of the actual sum. "It could have been much much more," said a senior police officer.

Although Topol offered to testify against those in more senior positions for alleged financial irregularities, police are nearly convinced that he acted alone, and thus managed to conceal the embezzlement for so





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PA threats and violations

THE US administration has advised the Palestinian Authority and the Arab regimes, who are planning an anti-Netanyahu convention in Cairo next week, to give the new Israeli government a chance to organize before they attack it. But the advice has obviously fallen on deaf ears. A steady stream of threats and warnings still flows from the Palestinian Authority, as unimpressed by American pleas for patience as it is oblivious to exhortations of human rights organizations for the release of political prisoners.

The most recent such threat came from Yasser Arafat's deputy Abu Mazen, an architect of the Oslo agreement with an inexplicable reputation for moderation. "Any digression by Binyamin Netanyahu from the peace process," he said this week, "will cause a return to the state of war which existed before September 1993.1

To Israelis, who have suffered more terror casualties since the 1993 signing of the Oslo agreement than in any period of similar length since the establishment of Israel, this may seem like a hollow threat. But what Abu Mazen obviously means is that Arafat's 30,000-man army, euphemistically known as a police force, will join the Islamists in a terrorist war.

As if to reinforce this threat, reports emanating from Fatah, Arafat's own organization in the PLO, aver that one of its factions is conducting negotiations with Hamas to coordinate attacks against Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria. Their assumption, according to these reports, is that the killing of "settlers" does not affect Israeli public opinion as adversely as attacks on Israelis within the Green Line.

In Jerusalem, Sheikh Akram Sabri, the Jerusalem mufti appointed by Arafat, has called for the resumption of the uprising against Israel and praised the suicide bombers. When asked if he had ever issued a fatwa (religious edict) against suicide bombings, he said, "I have never done so, nor have I ever been asked to do so by the

Palestinian Authority.' Neither Israel nor the world community should be particularly surprised by the PA's conduct. It is in the nature of police states to be belligerent and threaten violence if their conditions are not met, just as it is natural for them to arrest human rights activists like the prominent Dr. Eyad Sarraj, who earlier this week smuggled a letter from a Gaza jail complaining of

torture and warning that his life is in danger. If the PA discards pleas to free Sarraj and halt incendiary rhetoric, it is because it believes, with good reason, that it can act with impunity. When it comes to the important American decisions on financial aid and political support, the

State Department can be counted on to give the PA a clean bill of health. The administration has consistently ignored all the clear violations of the Oslo agreements, and it has invariably recommended the continuation of American support. Obviously, the "process" has gained a life of its own, independent of the way it is being implemented.

A drastically different picture of Palestinian conduct is painted in a report by Peace Watch, the independent organization which monitors the Oslo accords. The list of PA violations it has compiled makes the State Department's bill of health seem like an unconscionable whitewash.

The violations are wide-ranging. But what should concern Israelis most is the consistent disregard of provisions designed to combat terrorism. The PA has failed to confiscate arms and disarm militias; it has refused to present Israel with lists of Palestinian policemen to enable Israel to prevent terrorists from joining the Palestinian police force. (In fact, known terrorists - including some who have murdered Israelis since the signing of the Oslo agreement - have openly joined the Palestinian security

The PA has also refused to extradite terrorists wanted for murder, something it is clearly obligated to do. To date, Israel has requested the extradition of 18 suspects in mass murder, murder or attempted murder of Israelis, none of whom have been handed over.

The PA is also obligated to "arrest and prosecute individuals who are suspected of perpetrating acts of terror and violence." But in the two years since it has assumed power in Gaza and Jericho, the PA has sentenced none of the top leaders of the military wings of Hamas or Islamic Jihad. This policy has continued even after the February-March suicide bombings.

The PA was also supposed to refrain from incitement against Israel. But top PA officials, including Arafat, Nabil Shaath and Faisal Husseini have called for jihad and praised terrorists as heroes and martyrs. Nor have PA officials tried to curb incitement in mosque sermons and speeches by Islamists and other radicals. Add to this the Palestine National Council's

failure to amend the PLO covenant, the PA's constant abuse of human rights and press freedom, the failure to hold free democratic elections and establish democratic institutions, the illegal activities of PA ministries and its security services in eastern Jerusalem, and the gross violation of the explicit prohibition against conducting foreign relations, and the PA's demand that Israel adhere to the Oslo agreements becomes a travesty and an insult to Israel's sense of self-preservation.

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Bibi's challenge in Lebanon

MID all the speculation about the consequences of the electoral upheaval, the one thing that clearly has not the likelihood of a about the consequences of changed is the likelihood of a breakthrough with Syria. It was negligible before; it is negligible

On the Israeli-Syrian negotiating track, the most important variable is not the identity of the Israeli prime minister involved, but the behavior of the Syrian president. And as long as Hafez Assad is unwilling to settle for less than a whole loaf, it doesn't matter whether the government is willing to offer nine-tenths or one-tenth; there will be no agree-

The only real difference is that the government will no longer be operating under the illusion that it can soon reach a comprehensive agreement with Syria which will somehow provide the context for the resolution of the Lebanon

Paradoxically, this may finally make it possible for Israel to come to grips with the failure of the security zone policy.

This week's events have again conformed to a routine that would be farcical, were it not so tragic. After every major Hizbullah attack on the IDF, the government solemnly declares that Israel will respond at a time. in a place, and using the methods of its own choosing. The opposition endorses these warnings. while demanding that restraints on the army's freedom: of action;

Eventually there is a response, small or large, but nothing funda-

HE Latin term status quo

Consider some of the changes

that have occurred since prime

minister David Ben-Gurion made

the status-quo promise to Agudat

Yisrael in exchange for its com-

mitment to mute its opposition to

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became mostly neither secular

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in most of the country - including

Jerusalem under the Ehud

Olmert-haredi coalition - on

Shabbat eve, but over 200 streets

in religious neighborhoods have

been closed on Shabbat, and

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mental ever seems to change, and the bloodletting either continues, or is quickly resumed.

This was the pattern before Grapes of Wrath, and it remains the pattern. The only difference is that we are now in the twilight zone of post-election transition where, legalities aside, the dis-tinction between government and opposition blurred.

imply an admission of his failure. In 1996, Netanyahu should be able, after a decent interval, to abandon the policy of the security zone, which was instituted by Peres, without tacitly admitting his own failure.

ministers and abandoning it didn't

Before he can do that, however, he will have to confront the same two dilemmas that have paralyzed

The stalemate with Syria may allow him to come to grips with the failure of the security zone policy

Constitutionally, Shimon Peres still retains full authority, but he cannot - and should not - undertake any dramatic initiatives. Binyamin Netanyahu is not yet in office, but the burden of what to do next has already fallen on him.

In theory, the transition should have no obvious effect on policy in the security zone, since Lebanon was neither an ideological question nor a campaign issue. But in practice it is far easier for governments to reappraise and perhaps renounce policies for which they themselves are not responsible.

THUS in 1985 Peres was able to minimize Israel's military pres-ence in most of Lebanon -a presence which had long been exposed as futile - because it was identified with previous prime not used as a base for cross-bor-

any action up till now: providing for the well-being of Israel's allies in the South Lebanon Army, and protecting the northern border after withdrawal.

Israel cannot abandon its allies to their fate, but if it insists on formal Lebanon government guarantees, that means going back to square one: waiting until Lebanon (read Syria) is ready to deal.

The only alternative to indefi-

nite postponement of the issue is to undertake to resettle (in Israel or elsewhere) those who are unwilling to remain in Lebanon and take their chances after a withdrawal.

As for protection of the border, put to the test passive measures can only confiplement the determination of the writer is authorities beyond the border to ensure that Lebanese territory is

onsider all ways, and be kind

der shelling or infiltration. Since a political agreement is not on the horizon, this leaves deterrence. Therefore, any withdrawal must be accompanied by a clear threat to use force against those responsible for the areas from which attacks are launched. If the Lebanese government is

willing and able to establish itself in the south, this will mean the Lebanese government; if not, it will mean Syrian forces in Lebanon. The credibility of deterrent

threats after withdrawal may be weakened somewhat if they are not associated with some largescale military action. In this sense, it would have been better to withdraw after the second or third day of Grapes of Wrath. But deterrence will also be

enhanced by the fact of being directly connected to the defense of Israeli territory, not the defense of Israeli control of a strip of Lebanese territory.

Besides, the motivation of Hizballah and other Lebanese actors to challenge deterrence will certainly diminish.

That leaves Syria. The one consistent Likud criticism of military actions under the Labor government was that they were directed

against the wrong target.
When the futility of the security zone is acknowledged and the Lebanese component is taken but of the equation, that thesis can be

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR!

ISRAELI CALLOUSNESS

aforementioned depravity brings na-

tional morale to new lows every

day, and I submit that the callous-

ness which one has to develop to

cope with it all is what created the

atmosphere in which Yitzhak Rabin

Finally, it is precisely this cal-

lousness which can cause someone

to write an article upbraiding the

widow of a man murdered less than

a year ago, a Jewish woman whose

wounds are so raw, whose anguish

and loneliness can be felt by anyone

who is sensitive. At this time, we

must all extend care to Leah Rabin.

Yet, rather than allowing Mrs. Rabin

to express her justifiable pain to a

society which should suspend all

judgmentalism in her case, Mr.

Graniewitz decided to add insult to

injury by telling us how he prefers

the Wachsmans' style of mourning

I was opposed to the previous administration and its policies. But I

oppose divisiveness and baseless

hatred among Jews more than any-

thing else. As an observant Jew, I

urge every one of us to bring love,

respect and dignity back to our Jew-

ish nation. We are a family, and it's

GLOATING

NEWSCASTERS

gloating newscasters on internation-

al BBC inform the world that Leah

Rabin "feels like packing [her]

Maybe many people were happy to

hear (I was not); maybe there are those who would like to see the rest

of the population of Israel follow

It might seem presumptuous to

remind Leah Rabin of the over-

whelmingly important reasons why

Israel must survive; but, then, no

one would expect a person in her

position to delegitimize her own be-

leaguered country, before the micro-

phones of a snickering world.

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Kingston, N.Y.

bags, and leaving the country.

Sir, - Twice on May 30 I heard

CARY BURTON

high time we acted like it.

Jerusalem (New York).

to Leah Rabin's.

was murdered.

Sir, - It is ironic that David Graniewitz's article of June 5 which criticized Leah Rabin's divisive public statements was punctuated twice with the notion that "the right was responsible for creating the atmosphere in which the assassination took place." I am surprised that someone who is a high-school teacher would draw such a simplistic picture of the problems in Israeli society that led to the prime minister's assassination, and that he would underestimate human beings as mere pawns of an "atmosphere."

It's very easy to create a monolithic entity, call it "the right," and blame it for transforming the State of Israel into what appears to be a banana republic, where ruling regimes are "voted out" by the bullet. Since Mr. Graniewitz himself noted that "the left behaved similarly toward the Likud government of Menachem Begin," we must conclude that this "atmosphere" does not have only one source.

Anyone with a Zionist ideal can be very demoralized by the state of the State. One day's experiences can include being ripped off by a cab driver, being cut in front of on line. being witness to macho Israelis swaggering around, hooting at women and showing their proverbial peacock plumes, being mean-spiritedly inconvenienced at any government institution, not being given the proper courtesy as a customer, stonings at the Wall, prayers at the Wall which flout Torah values, women who are dressed as prostitutes rather than as dignified Jewish women, newspapers which are one cut above pornography, a government that seems to care only about half of the population and not at all about Jewish land or heritage, garbage in the streets, rifts in society over political differences, and a general lack of derech eretz and ahavat Yisrael which is prominent in a country full of Jews. This pioneer country, which appears as if it has co-opted crass American consumerist materialism wholesale at the expense of its inherent values, is a shock for anyone who has a notion of redemption ad rebuilding. The

tic fear of Jews.

Considering that the repeatedlytraumatized Jewish race experienced the greatest trauma of their history during this century, is it surprising that bands of haredim of garb, unrealistic demands and spooky appearance, wherein lies their fearful menace? Surely, those should be able to apply the same measuring rod to their own people.

BETTY MISHEIKER

of your paper, I hope that I will DIANA GEYOR

Ramat Hasharon.

WIZO PROTEST

Sir, - The educational supervisors of the Wizo Day Centers throughout Israel would like to voice their concern regarding the statement of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. His words are liable to encourage and lend legitimacy to an approach to discipline which includes violence. As educators we declare that chil-

dren should not be struck and that no violence - physical, verbal or other should be used against them. We call on all Israeli citizens, parents, and education staff to join us with

DRORIT AMITAY DROR, National Education Supervisor, and the educational supervisors staff – WIZO

OLEG CARTOON

Sir. - Congratulations to Oleg for his brilliant cartoons and superb technique. In your issue of June 3, Oleg surpassed himself in his caricature of Yossi Sarid attempting to frighten the public with his haredi bogeyman, deliberately casting that sinister shadow on the wall to instigate something not unlike antisemi-

varying degrees of fervor have sprung up amongst us? Apart from their most uncomfortable choice of who find it in their hearts to understand what drives Moslem fanatics

Sir, - I was shocked to see in your paper of June 3 Oleg's caricature. It was common in Nazi Germany to see pictures like that. But in an Israeli paper, it was disgraceful and in very bad taste. As a long-time reader never have to come across such a flagrant example of bad taste again

A SERIAL litterbug in Singapore who was sentenced twice to pick up trash in public says it won't happen again - he is so angry he plaus to leave the

Indrarijitra is the first person

YOSEF GOELL

held before), whose restoration the religious parties Hama'ayan education system. have been demanding in the At the same time, in a country coalition negotiations, is one of whose laws expressly prohibit the most overworked fictions in religious proselytization, the only Israel's political lexicon. It could partly-successful missionizing not be otherwise in an Israel has been the haredi hazara b'twhich has been the fastest-growshuva (return to religion) moveing and fastest-changing society

The old status quo has been

ation for the rights and sensibilities of the others.

closed on Shabbat. This is a clasquo by the very haredim who

dead for a long time; its resurrec-

TAKE THE issue of Rehov Bar-Ilan in Jerusalem, which the haredim have been demanding be sic case of flouting of the status

have been demanding its restora-Forget the political status quo.

What Israel needs is a new religious-secular modus vivendi

tion at coalition horse-trading time is one of the white lies with which we conduct our politics. But the treacherous religious-traditional-secular rift is very much with us, and is threatening to grow to ominous proportions.

One of the main domestic tasks confronting any government will be to adopt and implement policies to reverse the deadly trend to internal social fragmentation along the religious-secular divide. The answer is not a new political status quo, but the forg-ing of a difficult but workable modus vivendi among the clearly different streams of Israel society. Such a modus vivendi can be worked out and maintained only

on the basis of mutuality, mutual recognition the different streams' right to exist and conduct their lives according to their own lights, and on a basis of considertion to pre-1992 levels.

Bar-llan is a major traffic artery connecting all the northern neighborhoods of Jerusalem to the west and the exit from the city. The haredim have a valid point

in that traffic on Bar-Ilan over Shabbat constitutes a painful affront to the haredi residents along that street. Secular consideration for their sensibilities would be very much in order but only on condition of mutuali-

I would assure the haredim that the to very many Jerusalemites and other Israelis - many of them traditional part-time synagoguegoers who travel on Shabbat - the absence of public transportation on Shabbat is at least as great an inconvenience and affront

The logical solution based on mutual consideration would be for drivers to make the very great buses operating in non-observant neighborhoods on Shabbat. The standard answer is that it

sacrifice of avoiding Bar-Ilan on

Shabbat, in exchange for the reli-

gious establishment agreeing to

would be unthinkable for rabbis. to agree to such a trade-off. If that is true - and I doubt it because the record has shown that whenever the haredim are confronted. by determined opposition, they always give in and seek a compromise in their own self-interest the alternative to a modus vivendi would be an all-out fight. against-haredi interests throughout the country.

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The situation in education is potentially even more incendiary. with the National Religious Party's Zevulun Hammer slated to become minister of education. It should be noted that during the four years in which the archsecular Meretz controlled that ministry, there was never the: slightest attempt to impose secular values or teachers on national religious or haredi education.

Any attempt by Hammer to introduce even the slightest whiff of religious proselytization into the schools should be resisted by parents, the same way haredim would deal with a Shulamit Aloni who insisted on lecturing in a

Working out a modus vivendi is to be preferred to such confrontation. It is one of the major challenges that will confront Binyamin Netanyahu and his government

The writer comments on public

POSTSCRIPTS.

Indrarijitra Raj Pati Rai spent 2½ hours sweeping up at a shopping center after his latest crume, wearing a bright yellow vest reading "Corrective Work Order" while dozens of passers-by stared

"You're humiliating your own citizens. And if you're doing that, I don't think I should be a citizen of this country anymore," the 27year-old bus driver said.

He received his first sentence for throwing papers in the street and his second for flicking a cigarette into a storm drain.

sentenced twice under Singa-

pore's strict anti-littering rules,

which impose such public service

in hopes of shaming offenders

into changing their ways.

AN EMBARRASSED New Zealand tourist in London who popped out in the car to fetch the Sunday papers was found 11

hours later and 160 km away. Brian Page, 66, left his aunt's home in Hampshire, southern WHAT DO travelers to Poland England, and was soon hopeless-

Page, who had arrived in Britain the day before, was unable to ask for directions because he did not know his aunt's address. Police finally discovered him wandering down a country road looking for gas after an odyssey that took him through the neighboring counties of Dorset and

"When officers found him he was safe but a bit embarrassed. I don't think he managed to get a paper," a Hampshire policeman

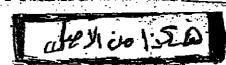
need for emergencies? Canned meat and a condom, according to customers with something new."

Warsaw food company executive Dariusz Napierala.

"Protects Against Hunger and AIDS," reads the slogan on the small box that Napierala plans to market as a tourist survival kit. It contains four small tins of meat, plastic cutlery, tea, checkers and a condom - -

Napierala, director of a meat plant in Czarnowo, said the kit is aimed at young tourists.

Competition for business in the wake of Poland's market reforms inspired the idea, he said, "Meat companies these days cannot make profit just on slaughtering. We knew we had to reach out to .



Idol with feet of clay

AVING just lost the American presidential race of 1912 massively to Woodrow Wilson, a battle-fatigued William H. Taft quickly conceded his defeat. "Well, no candidate was ever elected expresident by such an overwhelm-

ing majority," he said smilingly.

No such good-humored resignation is to be found these days among Labor's politically disinherited ministers, legislators and rank-and-file hacks.

Understandably furious in the face of a glaringly unexpected, painfully swift and apparently total loss of clout, they immediately set out to seek the causes of their debacle.

Some blame Haim Ramon's dis-paraging dismissal of his opponents' virtues, others point to Ehud Barak's political inexperi-ence, and all seem to agree that in a setting dominated by rabbinical blessings, kabbalistic amulets and dilettante pollsters, Shimon Peres was a walking political jinx.

Only one player has emerged unscathed, so to speak, from the unfolding orgy of fratricide: Yitzhak Rabin.

Yet it was the slain premier who more than anyone else led Labor into the electoral Dien Bien Phu where it was trapped, bludgeoned and dismembered.

To restore its public standing, Labor must learn from Rabin's tragic mistakes during his 21 years in the Knesset.

Politically blind, socially aloof, emotionally cold, culturally ignorant and only remotely charismatic. Rabin was Labor's major liability after its return to power in

Though he apparently never fully understood it, Rabin's election in 1992 reflected a widespread impression that he embodied a centrist alternative to rightist hallucinations of territorial grandeur on the one hand, and to leftist fantasies of regional pacifism on the other.

In this respect Rabin's betrayal of an estimated 100,000 formerly right-of-center voters who had backed him at the polls lay not so much in his abandonment of preelection platforms but in his nonchalant reliance for that purpose on a razor-thin coalition which brazenly shunned the political center and spared no opportunity to spite ideological rivals. Had it been up to Shimon Peres,

essential part of Jewish conscious-

ness since the day Abraham was

commanded to become the first

"new immigrant" and was told "in

you all the families of the world shall

When Jews analyze current events

and their own choices in terms of "Is

it good for the Jews?" the corollary

has never been that if others suffer it

is unimportant. The implicit under-

standing has been that in the long

Traditionally Jewish nationalism

has been perceived by Jews as more

Jewish history is not the history of

The forming of the nation from the

natriarchs to the exodus from Egypt,

the giving of the Torah, the teachings

of the prophets, the destruction of

Jerusalem, and the exile of the Jews

are not local, national events. All are

milestones of world history. They

mark the progress of those transcen-dental ideals embodied by the

Jewish people, transported through history in the framework of Jewish

nationalism, that give meaning to man and to the world.

The billboards proclaiming "Netanyahu is good for the Jews"

lining the roads on the days preced-

ing the elections were a call to Jews

to repel the very real danger to Jewish nationalism inherent in the

potential victory of Shimon Peres, a

candidate whose election would

have meant that the votes of a non-

Jewish, non-Zionist and sometimes

even hostile minority had defeated

the will of a majority of Israel's

But Israel's left, resolutely oblivi-

ous to the conception of Jewish

nationalism as a commitment to

higher, universal ideals, attacked the

slogan as racist. Prime Minister

a small Semitic tribe from the

than sectarianism. And rightly so.

be blessed" (Gen. 12).

nın, all will benefit.

AMOTZ ASA-EL

Labor's coalition in 1992 would have included United Torah Judaism, along with a moderate religious Zionist like Rabbi Yehuda Amital, and possibly even the National Religious Party. Yet Rabin - who apparently had forgotten nothing and learned nothing since his disastrous ouster of the NRP from his cabinet in 1977 still thought he knew better. Consequently he pushed the religious public deep into the anti-peace camp, which, from a theological standpoint, wasn't their only political option.

Traditional Israelis then had routinely to hear senior politicians, foaming at the month, promising to dehydrate Jewish settlements, joking publicly at the

Labor's major liability after its return to power in 1992 was Yitzhak Rabin

expense of biblical figures, and bickering, like medieval inquisitors, over such politically irrelevant questions as the validity of evolutionist theories.

Centrist Israelis were dejected by all this; but Rabin, who had since his election failed to feel their pulse, said nothing.

Moreover, the late premier's own frequent attacks on his opponents - whom he dubbed "propellers," and of whom he once said in front of the cameras "I don't give a damn about them" and "What's a mere 2 percent of the population?" -- deeply antagonized mainstream voters who had supported him.

OPPOSING THE settlers' views is one thing. But depicting this ideologically inclined, tax-paying, miluim-serving, and generally law-abiding population as budgetgobbling monsters was morally unfair and politically counterproductive. Had it been up to Peres and Beilin, such senseless provo-cations would have been avoided.

Indeed, Rabin's failure ran deeper than an arithmetical miscalculation of religious and centrist electoral clout; it reflected his ignorance of, and apparent disdain for, people with a spiritual mind-

Is it good for the Jews?

HAT is good for the Jews is good for the world.

This belief has been an JONATHAN BLASS

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Jewish law on Knesset legislation or expand the number of hours devoted to studying Jewish history and tradi-

Peres condemned it as spreading dis-

sension within one Israeli people

comprised of Jews and Arabs

(though, according to radio reports,

Peres appealed to Arab voters on

election day by telling them if they

abstained, the Arab nation would

culmination of a deliberate cultural

onslaught designed to delegitimize Jewish nationalism, to render taboo

open support of a particularly Jewish

The question is

legitimate – and

critical for all

state, to make Jews fearful of saying

they were guided by what was good

It almost worked. Voters for

Netanyalm were afraid to state their

beliefs publicly. In telephone surveys

and exit polls they lied in unprece-

the economic power of the govern-

ment, a power that hopefully will diminish with privatization. By

promising to get even with the hare-

di community for voting against the

ruling coalition, Housing Minister

Ben-Eliezer was letting others know

that support for Netanyahu was

But the cultural intimidation was

no less dannting. Fear was evoked

by the perception that the entire cul-

tural establishment, the media, the

Supreme Court, the upper echelons

of the armed forces and the universi-

ty elites espoused a doctrine of

Judaism in Israel to determining

public holidays, while condemning

as parochial and racist those who

would increase the influence of

openness" that relegated the role of

That fear was, in part, a result of

dented numbers.

The atmosphere created was the

never forgive them).

Even Rabin-voting non-rightists

- like this writer - were aghast when, following the frequent mur-ders of Jewish settlers throughout the territories, Rabin could never find words of condolence for the bereaved families, let alone pay them a visit, preferring instead to attack "extremism from both sides of the conflict."

Most voters, as the elections showed, found such artificial comparisons intellectually absurd, politically destructive, and insult-

ig. Indeed, what began with obliviousness toward opponents' pain ultimately produced apathy toward "consensus" casualties. Last year when a family mem-

ber's son fell in Lebanon, I was shocked to realize that not even a junior representative of Rabin's cabinet - say an Alex Goldfarb, or at least a backbench Labor MK showed up at the funeral, the shiva or the shloshim

This, in a nutshell, is how Labor lost the very swing vote which previously believed Rabin had restored his party's originally centrist and non-elitist character. By the time Ramon, Barak and

Peres took over from Rabin, the arrogant, provocative and aloof image in which he had shaped Labor was too firmly etched in the centrist public's mind.

And so, from his grave, 22 years after their mythical rivalry began, Rabin still managed to deliver one last blow to Shimon Peres's

This is what lends Peres's personal tragedy such Shakespearean dimensions. Yes, he led the controversial way to Oslo, but only after Rabin - against Peres's advice four years ago - abandoned religious Zionists and secular centrists.

Labor can avoid this fate in the future only by shaking off its infamous conviction that it knows better than the public; by exploring tradition, rather than merely wooing religious politicians; by respecting adversaries from within at least as much as enemies from without; and by embracing the people, regardless of ideologi-cal stripe, social class or political

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Samaria, heads Ratzon Yehuda, a

rabbinical training program for

graduates of Yeshivot Hesder.

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Carrots are sweeter than sticks

VER the past week, Presidents Mubarak and Assad have lost no time in threatening Israel's new govern-

The prime minister-elect hasn't yet formed a cabinet or assumed office - and he has hastened to emphasize his commitment to the overall peace process and the Oslo agreements - but the Arab world media has been flooded with warnings of deteriorating relations and calls to freeze links with Israel.

What this demonstrates is that the primary threat to peace and stability in the region comes not from Netanyahu, but from Mubarak and Assad.

Indeed, these leaders, and Yasser Arafat, must bear some of the responsibility for the outcome of the Israeli elections. Simply, they failed to provide Israel with the peace and security that was promised under the "land-forpeace" formula.

Egypt's government has spent the past four years extending its policy of political confrontation with Israel. The "Cold Peace" didn't end with the election of the Rabin/Peres government in 1992, or with the beginning of the Oslo process with the Palestinians.

Instead, there was an intensification of the old Nasserist strategy of using anti-Israeli policies to claim leadership of the Arab world.

Mubarak could easily have provided visible indication of normalization and acceptance of Israel. How? By accepting one of its numerous invitations to visit. But he only came here for Yitzhak Rabin's funeral, and tension resumed immediately after.

The propaganda and hostile rhetoric spouted by Mubarak's **GERALD M. STEINBERG**

foreign minister, Amr Mousa, and by the official Egyptian press doesn't stop at the Sinai border. Israelis heard every anti-Israel word - including the continuing hostility on Egyptian governmentcontrolled TV - and it did nothing to help Peres demonstrate the benefits of the peace process. Syria's case is even more bla-

Assad had many opportunities to show that he had really adopted a strategy based on establishing peaceful relations with Israel. He rejected them all. Even after Rabin's assassination and the beginning of the Wye Plantation

Threats to resume the violence of the intifada, the failure to act against Hamas terrorism until just before the Israeli elections (when the Palestinian Authority suddenly demonstrated it could in fact control Hamas) also contributed to the perception of peace as a

AGAINST this background, it would seem opportune for these Arab leaders to offer Israel a few carrots rather than threatening more sticks.

As US Secretary of State Christopher has noted, Mubarak and the Egyptian government can

talks in early 1996, he gave no play a responsible role by leading If Mubarak doesn't want to be the loser

he would be advised to try some confidence-building measures

indication of any new strategy. Now the Israeli public has finally heard that the head of the Mossad was never convinced that Assad had indeed believed in the concept of peace and acceptance of

As for Arafat, he can claim the greatest role in Netanyahu's election victory.

In his Johannesburg speech, in which he called for a jihad to liberate Jerusalem, his eulogy for Yihye Ayyash ("the Engineer"), the terrorist responsible for the series of suicide bombings in 1994 (Arafat called him a martyr) and numerous other public appearances, Arafat hardly demonstrated a serious commitment to peaceful coexistence with

Syria and Saudi Arabia into a positive relationship with Israel. Mubarak could set the tone for the Netanyahu administration by coming to Israel again, this time for official talks. It would be felt as a major confidence-building

Public statements from Mubarak, particularly directed at Syria and supporting the concept of normalization, would also contribute to establishing a positive atmosphere conducive to continuing the process.

In addition, instead of pressing Turkey to cut links with Israel, Egypt could accept invitations to work with both states against common threats and toward greater economic cooperation. Regarding Israeli perceptions of

Arafat and the Palestinians, the goodwill created by the mutual recognition agreement signed in September 1993 has evaporated.

Many Israelis (the majority, if we use the vote for Netanyahu as an indication) remain unconvinced that the PLO's fundamental goals have changed, and that Arafat and his followers are committed to peaceful coexistence.

This would be a good time for the Palestinian leadership publicly to restate the end of the historic conflict with Israel and acceptance of the legitimacy of Israel as a Jewish state, alongside the

Instead of Faisal Husseini's threats about an end to negotiations if Palestinian dreams are not accepted, Husseini would be well advised to reassure Israelis by limiting those activities at Orient House that lead to conflict with Israel and violate the Oslo agree-

In contrast, Jordan's leadership, as well as that of Oman, Oatar and other Gulf states, has been taking a different tone. In these capitals, the peace process has continued without the threats and warnings we have been hearing from Cairo, Damascus, and Gaza.

Egypt was the country that began the historic process of conflict resolution.

But if it continues to align itself with the rejectionists in Syria, it may find that the primary channel for links between Israel and the Arab world - and the resulting benefits - will have shifted to Amman and the Gulf.

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From ideological pain to compromise

N 1987, when I was a member of the Likud Central Committee, I held a long series of secret meetings with Faisal Husseini and other central PLO figures.

Again and again I was surprised by their enthusiastic reaction to dialogue with a representative of Greater Israel.

In those meetings I tried, unsuccessfully, to create a dialogue between those two extremes: representatives of Greater Israel and of Greater Palestine.

Husseini was intrigued by my willingness, as a Likud member, to give up Hebron - since from his point of view the ideological sacri-fice of Jaffa was virtually conditional on the other side's making harder and more painful sacrifices. In other meetings I held abroad at

that time with PLO political committee chairman Nabil Shaath and chief PLO ideologue Haled el-

Hassan, I again encountered the longing for a historical compromise, perhaps even more than for a political one. A political compromise could be made with the left, but an ideological compromise? That could only come about with the

Likud.

ological shift within the PLO from the "secular democratic state" to the concept of two states existing side by side was steered and directed by men like Shaath and el-Hassan. In my meetings with them they made it quite clear that since the beginning of the 1980s they had been searching for links with the Likud to begin what they called a "historic dia-

It needs to be recalled that the ide-

IT WAS easier for them to give up a claim to Galilee, if the corresponding sacrifice of Judea and Samaria

at the end of the '80s.

was made by a supporter of Greater Israel. Their only encounter then with such a Likud member was with me.

In our meetings I stressed my origins in the Betar movement, explained Jabotinsky's ideology, and showed them the ideological pain I felt at the sacrifice of our ancestral heritage.

This moved them, and inspired them with the hope that perhaps only the Likud could reach a historic

compromise with them. On the other hand, they were disappointed that I was unable to deliv-

er the goods, to persuade my friends, people like Dan Meridor, Ehud Olmert and Roni Milo to continue the dialogue I had initiated. The confidential objective then was to bring about a meeting between Yitzhak Shamir and Yasser Arafat. Arafat was willing, but Shamir rejected the idea out of hand, and that was the end of what was then dubbed "the Amirav

It was a long time ago, before Oslo, before Madrid, even before the intifada. How many lives could have been

saved had the dialogue soon to begin between the Likud and the PLO started back then?

Meanwhile, the situation has changed, but other things haven't the desire of the PLO for a historic dialogue - particularly with the Likud - and, on the other side, the unavoidable necessity for the Likud to finally begin talking to the PLO. Better late than never.

The writer lectures on political science at Haifa University.

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Smoke rises from an Indonesian Garada DC-10 airliner after the aircraft skidded off the runway at takeoff at Japan's Fukuoka airport yesterday. Three people died and 110 were injured in the accident.

Yeltsin pledges: 'No more revolutions'

Aerospace mayor slain

MOSCOW (AP) - The mayor of a town near Moscow that is the cen-

ter of Russian aerospace research was found dead in his apartment

A neighbor found the body of Viktor Mosalov, the mayor of Zhukovsky, a town 20 km east of Moscow, in a stairwell, said

The head of the regional police, Col. Gen. Alexander Kulikov,

ruled out a political motive and said local officials are "more eco-

nomic than political leaders," the Interfax news agency reported.

Nonetheless, President Boris Yeltsin called the slaying "a terrorist

act" aimed at intimidating people ahead of Sunday's presidential

In a statement released by his press service, Yeltsin said the attack

was designed "to intimidate people, to sow fear, to undermine belief

in public order. We have forces interested in such a turn of develop-

dent for mounting crime since the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union.

It was the second attack on an official in the Moscow region in the

Last Friday, Valery Shantsev, the candidate for the post of deputy

mayor of Moscow, was seriously wounded when a bomb exploded as he was leaving his apartment building to go to work.

On Tuesday night, a bomb blew up in the Moscow metro, killing

Yeltsin and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, a Yeltsin ally, accused

"reactionary forces" of planting the bomb to foment instability before

Gennady Melnik, a spokesman for Moscow regional police.

elections, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Police said Mosalov had been shot three times in the head.

building yesterday in an apparent contract killing, authorities said.

ST PETERSBURG (Reuter) -President Boris Yeltsin, campaigning for re-election in the cradle of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, said yesterday Russia needed no more revolutions and a vote for him would mean stability.

Opinion polls gave Yeltsin a big lead three days before Sunday's presidential election, which will decide the fate of reforms. But communist rival Gennady Zyuganov dismissed the poli findings and said he was sure he would dethrone him.

Yeltsin chose the dramatic backdrop of St Petersburg's Winter Palace, stormed by communist revolutionaries when they seized power in 1917, to deliver a ringing appeal to prevent communists sweeping back to power.

On June 16 you will decide Russia's fate for many years ahead." Yeltsin told thousands of of cheering young people at a rock concert in his honor on the vast Palace Square.

The revolution started here in St Petersburg but Russia does not need any more revolutions. We have had enough big upheavals...you can count on me." Yeltsin was echoing a constant

theme of his re-election bid on the last stage of an energetic and aggressive campaign which has its grand finale in his home city of Yekaterinburg today. Campaigning is forbidden tomorrow.

The 65-year-old Kremlin leader says his democratic reforms are starting to bear fruit and that electing Zyuganov on Sunday, when 105 million Russians are eligible to vote across 11 time zones, would mean turning back the clock.

Bangladesh centrists lead

DHAKA (Reuter) - Sheikh Hasina of the centrist Awami League led the race to be Bangladesh's prime minister yes-terday but the job still eluded with a hung parliament probable and re-polling ordered in some areas.

Hasina was well ahead of another strong woman, former prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), but a final picture of the parliamentary election results would not emerge until the new round of voting was completed.

Bangladesh's Election Commission ordered the fresh voting at 116 polling centers in 28 of the 300 constituencies in which polls were held Wednesday, the BSS news agency said. The new polls were ordered because of sporadic violence in and outside those polling centers.

The election was praised by foreign observers and the Awami League appeared about to win power for the first time in 21 years.

Zyuganov denies this, saying Yeltsin has ruined Russia, and is backed by people disenchanted by the hardships endured under the transition form a centrally-

planned economy.

He hit back by blaming Kremlin policies for a bomb attack which killed four people on the Moscow underground on Tuesday and yesterday's murder of a local mayor east of Moscow.

"Unfortunately we pay for these

ments."

policies with someone's blood every day," Zyuganov told a news conference in Moscow.

Police have not identified the culprits for either attack. But the communists blame increasing violence and the rise of mafia-style gangsterism on the free-market reforms made by Yeltsin and on Western influences.

Zyuganov, 51, said two-thirds of Russians backed communist ideals. "We are approaching the

election with confidence and have already practically won," he said. The two latest polls put Yeltsin more than 10 percentage points ahead of Zyuganov and far ahead of the other eight candidates.

But such surveys are little trusted in Russia and with no one candidate expected to get an overall majority on Sunday, a run-off vote is likely in July. In 1991, Yeltsin won the first election for the Russian presidency without a

runoff. Ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky told a separate news conference he expected to take third place but contested the wisdom of the polls, saying he believed Zyuganov was leading in

Both the Kremlin and the communists have accused each other of planning to rig the election, and observers may find it hard to monitor it closely in all parts of the huge country. Western countries have made little secret of their desire to see Yeltsin win.

Yeltsin, who has campaigned energetically despite two heart attacks last year, has said the war against separatists in Chechnya could hurt his election chances.

An agreement signed on Monday allowing for a Russian troop withdrawal from Chechnya by the end of August is widely expected to work in his favor.

But the Moscow-backed region-al government in Chechnya plans to ignore part of the agreement stipulating that a local parliamentary election scheduled for Sunday should be delayed, and the rebels have threatened to dis-

Miracle escape for plane passengers

FUKUOKA (Renter) - The passenger cabin of an Indonesian plane was engulfed in flames after a failed takeoff from a Japanese airport yesterday, killing three people and injuring 110.

Hundreds of survivors, some with their hair singed, made a miracle escape from the blazing cabin after the aircraft flopped back on to the ranway in flames seconds after takeoff.

It careered off the runway and across a public road before coming to a halt as passengers jumped from the blazing cabin. There were 260 passengers and

15 crew on Garuda Indonesia Flight 865 from Fukuoka airport in southwest Iapan bound for Denpasar, the main city of Bali island, and Jakarta.

A police spokesman said that 12 passengers who had been unaccounted for and were feared still trapped in the plane had been found at local hospitals.

Police said the plane appeared to catch fire from the port engine but it was unclear if this caused it to bounce back to earth after lifting several meters into the air.

Panic broke out on the 18-yearold DC-10 plane as first smoke and then flames spread through the cabin, packed with Japanese holidaymakers, including honey mooners, bound for Bali.

"The fire started from the post side of the cabin. We tried to follow the evacuation directions from the flight attendant but that was the way the flames were coming from," a young male passenger told reporters. The fire became intense and there were a few people who had their hair singed."

Iraq defies UN on weapons

BAGHDAD (AP) - Iraq defied a new UN resolution yesterday, barring inspectors from entering a military base in the capital to search for materials linked to banned weapons programs.

. In scorching temperatures. reporters taken to the site in Baghdad saw the inspectors squatting in the shade of trees and fences outside a Republican Guard installation.

Others took refuge in UN cars, switching the engines on for airwith food and water canisters.

Wearing sunglasses and blue caps embossed with the United Nations logo, the weapons experts parked seven UN cars to block the three exits from the compound.

UN team leader Nikita Smidovich, a long-range missile expert from Russia, said the inspectors turned up at the facility and "will stay as long as it takes."

French fume over British 'duplicity'

PARIS (AP) - Britain sold France tens of thousands of tons of animal feed between 1989 and 1991 that it wouldn't sell at home for fear it carried "mad cow disease," a science magazine said yesterday.

four people and injuring 12 others.

France reacted with fury to the report in the British weekly Nature. Its anger was sharpened by researchers' claims yesterday to have established an even stronger link between the brainwasting disease and a just-asdeadly human strain.

Most of the feed imported by France - essentially ground-up intestines, brains, spinal cords, bones and other cow parts ~ was used for and chickens, not cows. But the government lashed out

at what it hinted was a deliberate British attempt to dump feed it was unwilling to use itself, increasing the risks of spreading the disease in Europe.
"France, the Trash Can of British Groceries," headlined the Paris daily Le Figaro. "In 1988 and

1989, the Britons didn't tell us the

truth," said Henri Nallet, France's

calling it "absolutely scandalous." Underscoring the rising tensions between Paris and London, Socialist France's denounced Britain's move as "reprehensible" and urged firm action to end the mad cow crisis.

"Better a diplomatic incident

today that protects consumers'

health than a diplomatic concession that would increase the risks," said the party's chief spokesman, Francois Hollande. British officials yesterday defended the exports. In London, the Ministry of Agriculture said the ban – first imposed in 1988 – still permitted exports of pig and

chicken feed, and that the European Commission knew about the exports. Britain since has expanded the ban to include all animal feed. French and British scientists say numans may be able to contract

deadly Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease by eating beef or beef products contaminated with mad cow disease, a similar illness in steers.

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We will gather at the entrance to Har Hamenuhot Cemetery at 5 p.m.

US court blocks Internet law

PHILADELPHIA (Reuter) - In a ground-breaking decision on freespeech rights over the Internet, a special US court panel blocked as unconstitutional a new federal law prohibiting indecency on computer

The three-judge panel issued a preliminary injunction barring enforcement of portions of the Communications Decency Act (CDA), signed by President Clinton Feb. 8, which prohibit the distribution to minors of indecent or "patently offensive" materials over computer networks.

On the fifth aniversary of the death of our dear father Prof. E. M. LUTTWAK >17

a memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 23, 1996 (6 Tamuz) at 5:30 p.m., at Har Tamir, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

We shall meet at the family home, 33 Rehov Harav Berlin, Jerusalem, at 4:30 p.m.

NEWS IN FOCUS



A young soldier in Lebanon. It is a mistake to assume soldiers have to be sophisticated to use sophisticated weaponry.

A different sort of enemy

SRAEL tried to take on Hizbullah on its own terms in Operation Grapes of Wrath, hitting its command centers with guided missiles and pounding its training camps and ammo dumps with thousands of shells.

But just 40 days after the onslanght, one thing is painfully clear. Hizbullah still rules in south Lebanon. They use small arms and sometimes pack equipment on the backs of donkeys. They strike from the hills at the lumbering IDF patrols with roadside charges or Sagger missiles, capturing the action on video for their own local Hizbullah TV station.

Hizbuitah guerrillas are very good. They are much better than the Fatah guerrillas we faced in the past. They. Mave better training and have teamed a lot about the Israeli army," said Ze'ev Bonen, a senior research associate at the BESA Center for Strategic Studies.

"They know they can't beat us head on so they take the asymmetrical response, fighting us on their grounds," Bonen said. Not only has Hizbullah reemerged with its operational capabilities still intact, it has taken control of wide areas and has shown it can still bleed the IDF and SLA with relative impunity.

Monday's ambush - which wiped out an entire Israeli patrol, killing five and wounding eight - frustrates the IDF OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Amiram Levine stressed this week that the IDF squad acted according to regulations, adequately prepared for the mission and

behaved according to the doctrine. Now he, as well as former generals, are pushing for the government to let it change the rules and tilt the balance of power by taking the offensive against Hizbullah guerrillas, who are reportedly numbered in the hundreds, not

"The Hizbullah is not some kind of elite unit which we can't deal with," said David Agmon, a reserve brigadier and military analyst for Ma'ariv. "The Israeli army has the ability to deal efficiently with the crisis in the security zone, on the condition that the government allows it the means with which to act."

Hizbullah's force is small, but it's taking on the 'mighty IDF.' Arieh O'Sullivan reports

But outgoing Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr, a former OC Northern Command, said military muscle could only do so much, and that the true solution lay with a

peace deal with Syriz and Lebanon.

"All those who call for military actions must know that there is no solution by force," Orr said.

Earlier this week, Yossi Peled, another former OC Northern Command and a Likud member, called for a more intensive approach against Hizbullah, including taking the offensive deep into Lebanon.

"Israel must engage Hizbullah and kill its fighters instead of holding back for a long time and then throwing bombs from airplanes." Peled said. "To take full control you have to take the initiative.

We did this once before. I am not talking of battalions, brigades or divisions. I am talking of an operation lifestyle of small forces every day and every night. We did not bring about total quiet, but there was quiet," Peled said. But Maj.-Gen. Avraham Rotem, a former head of IDF training, said that it was Israel's hypersensitivity to casualties which was restricting IDF doctrine and contributing to the dangerous situation.

"After Operation Grapes of Wrath, Israeli leaders were saying they were very proud that not one soldier was burt. If this is the policy then they are not just binding the soldiers' arms and eyes, but they are binding their feet as well." Rotem said.

Rotem believed attacks against Israel by the Shi'ite fighters would be reduced if Hizbullah started suffering

heavy casualties. "The sad situation now is that Hizbullah is the one initiating actions and it hardly costs them,"

"If the ratio was 10-to-1 in our favor then that would have a detrimental effect on them, but as long as it is not then why should they consider stopping [the attacks]?" Ya'acov Amidror told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee this week that the Operation Grapes of Wrath, while halting attacks on civilians, had no impact on the attacks inside the security zone.

The operation did not contribute to a reduction in terrorist attacks in the security zone. The latest incident in south Lebanon had painful and grave results, but it did not stand out in any significance," Amidror said.

Monday's ambush brought to 16 the number of IDF troops killed so far this year, nine since the end of Operation Grapes of Wrath. This contrasts with 23 killed in all of 1995.

Ze'ev Bonen said the difficulty in fighting Hizbullah guerrilla warfare derived from the fact that the IDF still puts most of its effort toward fighting a conventional war, which hampers its capabilities to wage low-intensity war-

Bonen said it was the guerrillas who actually gained from the increasing sophistication of weaponry since it helped them close the gap with modern armies. "Fighting a guerrilla war is tough and claims lots of victims. Modern technology rarely helps and if it does, it helps the guerrillas," Bonen said.

He said it was a mistaken premise to assume soldiers had to be sophisticated to use sophisticated weaponry. He cited the anti-tank Sagger missile and night-vision equipment Hizbullah reportedly employs as examples of how a small force could take on the mighty IDF.

"Experience says that if there is no de-escalation then this situation is going to bring about an escalation. It is not static. But where will it end? This escalation could led to the unknown, perhaps even more Katyushas. At some stage civilians will be hurt," Bonen said.

HADASSAH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION

Ties with Turkey -'the most important story of the decade'

Israel and Turkey have too much in common to be fazed by either dismay in Damascus or the possibility of Islamic rule in Ankara, Steve Rodan writes

N 1993, Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry took a delegation of senior officials and generals to Ankara. It was the first time high-level Israelis and Turks had met publicly in decades and hardly a word about it was heard in the media of either country.

Three years later, the secret is out Turkey and Israel have a formed a military relationship based on strategic interests that coincide to a greater degree than those of any other two nations in the Middle

"Our strategic relationship with Turkey has been the most important and ignored story of the decade," a senior Israeli defense official says. "Many saw the visits and the contacts and failed to put two and

Simply put, the strategic cooperation brings together two militarily powerful secular democracies surrounded by enemies but supported strongly by the US. President Ezer Weizman spent two days in Istanbul this week in an attempt to bolster the relationship in these politically turbulent days in Ankara.

"Turkey is Moslem, secular like Israel, a part of NATO, and close geographically to the former Soviet Union," Weizman says. "It occupies a strategic place geographi-cally. It is full of water. We share the same military equipment. We have come to an agreement that we have a lot in common.

Weizman's Turkish counterpart. President Suleyman Demirel, says his nation's interests override any Arab objections. "We're an independent and sovereign country," he told Weizman in the first of their two meetings. "You're an independent and sovereign country. Nobody will tell us what to do.

These days, senior Israeli officials have mixed feelings regarding the relationship with the Turks. Their first reaction is one of amazement at how warmly the Turkish military has embraced its Israeli counterpart and how much the government in Ankara has publicized the details of their cooperation.

We call this a military-education agreement," says outgoing Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz, "We have this agreement with 16 other countries. So why not with

SINCE ISRAEL and Turkey signed the still-largely secret military accord in February the two countries have embarked on several projects that show how quickly the ties have developed. Over the past month, Israel and Turkey have conducted air exercises in each of the countries. No details have been released from the Israeli side but Turkish officials say 12 military aircraft trained with the Israel Air Force last week. Diplomatic sources add that Israeli fighter jets have been training in Turkey as well.

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At first, the Israelis were puzzled by the Turkish revelations. "In the beginning, we would argue with the Turks over who was responsible for the leaks," an Israeli official recalls. "We don't want to argue any

Turkish officials suggest that the joint training covers a wide range of activities. The cooperation agreement between Turkey and Israel covers a variety of training activities," Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman Omer Akbel says.

Arab diplomats go further, asserting that Turkish and Israeli warplanes have been conducting reconnaissance flights over northern Syria. The Turkish Daily News quotes a diplomat based in Ankara as saying that recently Israeli pilots discovered a Syrian chemical gas factory hidden under a mountain near the Turkish border.

Moreover, Israel is involved in modernizing the Turkish Air Force and discussing the modernization of its infantry. Israeli officials say Israel Aircraft Industries is wrapping up a deal to upgrade 54 US-made F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers in the Turkish Air Force. The enhancement will include advanced electronic systems, avionics and radar used in the defunct Lavi fighter-jet project. The deal awaits final approval for low-cost credit from Israeli banks to Turkey to fund the \$600 million

Seyfi Tashan, director of the privatelyoperated Foreign Policy Institute in Ankara, says Israel and Turkey complement each other. "Israel is a technologically advanced country," he says. "It can provide us with plenty of cooperation in technology and other areas. We and the Israelis have already signed a free-trade agreement. So why deprive the military from the benefits of this agreement as long as the cooperation is not directed at a third country?

The security accord also includes coop eration in counterterrorism. This is per haps the most secretive part of the accord and one which has alarmed Syria. For at least a decade. Syria has been supporting the PKK Kurdish guerrillas in a campaign to destabilize Turkey. The two countries have a longstanding dispute over borders

WESTERN diplomats say the Turks have been emboldened by the accord to launch a secret offensive against Syria. Ankara, they say, has been waging a campaign against Syria that has included bombings around the country, two of them in Damascus last month. The effort appears to have the support of the US, which has publicized the explosions, to the dismay of

The Turkish goal, the diplomats say, has been to undermine the regime of President

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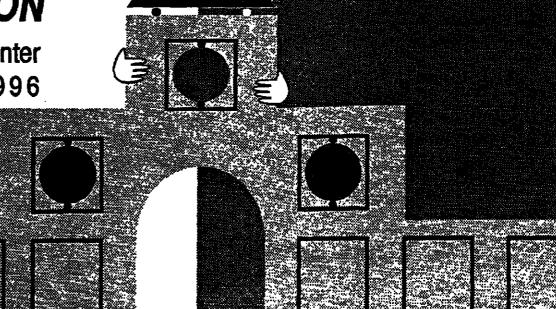
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Battles drawn over religious divide

The religious status quo has been a bitter point of contention for 49 years, reports Haim Shapiro

HETHER they live by it or flout it, everybody cares about religion, and that is why even mention of the religious status quo in the current coalition negotiations can make tempers flare.

The source of the religious status quo as a factor in Israeli political life is a letter which David Ben-Gurion sent to rabbis Yehuda Leib Maimon and Yitzhak Meir Levine on June 19, 1947, before the establishment of the Jewish

In it. Ben-Gurion promised that the issue of marriage would 'not create division in the Jewish people." that public institutions would be kosher, that Shabbat would be the official day of rest, and that the religious would retain the right to have their own educational systems.

The letter, and the laws which followed it once the state was established, were a compromise. Ben-Gurion and the secular community he represented would have preferred a state free of religious laws, while for the religious parties, anything short of a state based on Halacha, Jewish religious law, could not be a truly Jewish state.

Several political commentators have pointed out that both groups were willing to compromise because each believed the other would soon disappear. The secular believed that in a free Jewish state, the religious would cast off their old superstitions, while the religious believed that in a truly Jewish state, the secular would see the error of their ways. At the same time, neither even considered the possibility that Reform or Conservative Jews would one day demand rights in the Jewish

Now, almost 50 years later, both sides seem more entrenched than ever. On the one hand, through its rulings, the Supreme Court (sitting as the High Court of Justice) has sharply undercut the control of the religious establishment. On the other hand, with their newfound political strength of 23 Knesset members, the religious parties are determined to sweep away the action of the High Court.

However, as Professor Shimon Shetreet, the outgoing minister for religious affairs, points out, the status quo is dynamic and does change. He adds that legisla-tion and court action are just two ways of altering the status quo. In the past, he says, the religious parties have utilized bureaucracy for the same purpose.

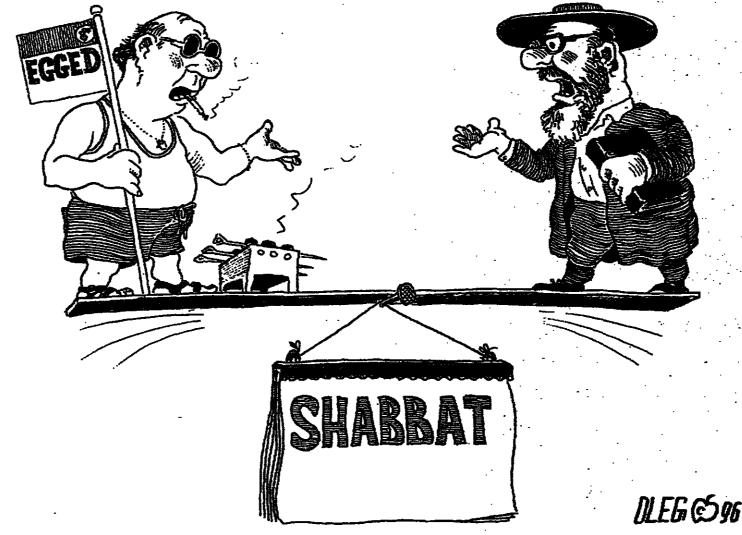
For example, Shetreet points out, there have been numerous court decisions which ruled that Reform Conservative representatives from religious councils was illegal, but to this day no Reform or Conservative representative sits on such a council. To illustrate the kind of delaying tactics used, Shetreet points out that the Jerusalem Religious Council has not been renewed for 14 years, that of Haifa for 11 years, Netanya's for eight years.

In another contentious area abortions - those who want to limit such operations don't need legislation, Shetreet says. All they would have to do is change the present system whereby there are committees authorizing abortions for each hospital and have government committees instead. The waiting line will be so long, Shetreet says, that most women won't get approved.
Shetreet adds that by increasing

the paperwork, institutions which don't have the backing of religious parties can have allocations layed indefinitely.

Haredi political analyst Arye Frenkel argues that the courts have eroded the status quo in a way which has gone contrary to the desire of the legislators. No government in the history of the state has tried to do away with the existing norms.

In fact, he adds, when the courts did alter the status quo, the legis-



lators stepped in to redress the balance. When the High Court ruled that the Knesset could not ban the import of non-kosher meat, the Knesset enacted legislation to circumvent the court's ruling, Frenkel notes.

At the center of the struggle to use the High Court to carry out what he describes as a "constitu-tional revolution" is Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform Movement's Israel Religious Action Committee.

Regev admits that the religious parties have managed to delay the appointment of Reform and Conservative representatives on religious councils, but he points out that it took Leah Shakdiel, the first woman nominated to sit on a religious council, four years to actually take her seat on the

Yeroham Religious Council. Regev also points out that following High Court decisions, arrangements are under way for the establishment of non-Orthodox cemeteries. And following another Court ruling, the

provides subsidies for students at the Reform Movement's Hebrew Union College, just as it does for yeshiva students. Regev describes the attempts to circumvent the High Court through legislation as "ominous."

There is, he notes, a law pending Basic Law: Religious Matters which has already passed a pre-liminary reading in the Knesset in

Religious Affairs Ministry now

According to the proposed law, all laws, regulations, ordinances, customs and arrangements are to be valid if they preserve the Jewish character of the state of Israel, are guided by religious considerations, or prevent the violation of religious feelings. This is so even if they limit rights of any kind. The authority defining Jewish law and tradition, according to the proposed law, is to be the Chief Rabbinical Council.

Regev says the proposed law would set up the Chief Rabbinate as a kind of super authority on all legislation and court rulings. He views the proposed law as a real threat to democracy, not only in the sense that it is contrary to the wishes and feelings of most Israelis, but because, he says, it also fails to recognize and ensure the rights of minorities, which is just as crucial a test of democra-

Referring to such areas as abortions, where the religious parties have objected to social considerations, or archeology, where the haredim have demonstrated against what they say is the archeologists' desecration of Jewish tombs, Regev says that anything can be defined as safeguarding the Jewish character of the state.

"Anything that gives me free-dom violates their feelings,"

Frenkel says that the reason religious people want a law circumventing the High Court is because the court - especially under the current President Aharon Barak – went overboard in rulings that offended the reli-cious miblic.

gions public.
Frenkel notes rulings which gave more and more legitimacy to non-Orthodox conversion. Such rulings, he says, make it possible for large numbers of non-Jews to immigrate to Israel under the guise of being Jewish.

i ne ketorm ci small problem. The real problem is the 25 to 30 percent of Russian immigrants who are non-Jews and have documents saying they are Jews." Frenkel insists.

Referring to the religious councils, Frenkel said that the High Court had no business ruling that people who have no interest in Halacha must be part of bodies which provide services dealing with Halacha.

"We say we recognize the Reform as Jews, but the religious councils deal with matters such as mikve, kashrut, and Shabbat observance. These are all things

[the Reform] don't need," Frenkel.says.

Frenkel says it is the archeologists themselves who have crossed the red line. The religious parties don't want to stop archeology, he says, but there has to be a different attitude toward an ossuary than to an ordinary potsherd. If the archeologists themselves were more sensitive, there would be no need for legislation.

Years ago, people like Yigael Yadin and Binyamin Mazar had a different attitude toward archeology, Frenkel says. When the archeologists find a tomb, he says, there should be a rabbinical advisory council to decide if they should continue, and if so, how.

However, Frenkel doubts that

the religious parties will succeed in getting Netanyahu to accept their demands on these issues. He says that Netanyahu is too American in his thinking, as a result of the 19 years he lived in the US, to accept such a point of

Frenkel also says that Netanyahu knows the religious parties have no option and are afraid to press too hard, for fear Netanyahu will choose to form a national unity government with

Finally Frenkel says, the Torah sages cannot castigate the coming government as heretical, since

only a few weeks ago they gave Netanyahn their full support. Regev, on the other hand, is ready for what he sees as the worst. When the proposed hill passed its preliminary reading in January, he says, it was supported not only by prime-minister elect Binyamin Netanyahu, but by the two MKs heading the other major parties altied to the Likud, David Levy and Rafael Eitan

However, Regev warns, the Liked leaders will find that if they think they can calm the secular public by sacrificing the Reform and Conservative, they are mistaken.

This isn't a Reform or Conservative issue. [The religious parties] are already targetng archeology. They are already targeting all civil marriage. That's why the Women's Network is joining our battle," Regev says. He says it is clear that the majority of the Israeli public sup-

port the Supreme Court.

However, he is not just relying on the Israeli public. Regev says that Jewish leaders and communities worldwide are ready to rally as they have not done since 1988, when there was a massive campaign by American Jewry to stop

any changes to the Law of Return. Regev, who returned this week visit to the US, said t found far more concern about the issue of what he describes as Israeli democracy than about the continuation of the peace process - which he says most American Jewish leaders view as inevitable. Reform and Conservative Jews in

the US are joining hands as they have not done for years, he says. Regev also predicts that the pressure will not just be moral. but also economic.

There is more and more talk about "constructive funding," and more and more individual donors want to earmark their funds, he



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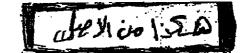
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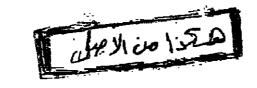
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ABOR is still reeling from the defeat which banished it to the political desert. It doesn't even look as if there will be a national unity government to soften the blow, and it is glaringly clear the party will have to take a long hard look at itself if it is to recover from such a stunning rejection.

While Shimon Peres remains at the helm, foreign news reports call him a "lame duck" prime minister, but at home he has not yet been called a has-been.

New power balances are forming rapidly. Ehud Barak, Haim Ramon, Ephraim Sneh and others are waiting to fill the vacuum once

Peres steps down. Foreign Minister Barak, who has had his sights on the prime minister's desk since he joined the late Yitzhak Rabin's cabinet, was the first to pull himself together after the election fiasco and declare his candidacy for the leadership.

Barak has gathered a considerable following in the party, from ministers Avraham Shohat, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and David Liba'i, several MKs and many Labor activists. His supporters see him as the only candidate with sufficient public stature and a security record to anract voters on the center and right of the political land-

scape.
"What voters could Ramon bring the party, except from the left and Meretz?" asked one Barak sup-

Barak's first step will be to try bringing forward a leadership showdown from next June to the end of this year, before the others mainly his archrival Haim Ramon - have a chance to organize and build up power bases in the party. Barak is keeping close to Peres,

obviously hoping to inherit his mantle and support. At the same time Barak defers to Peres's authority and will accept his decision on when to hold the leadership

RAMON'S popularity has now all but ebbed away. As director of Labor's campaign information staff, he more than anyone else is identified with the party's election defeat. Unless he can claw back some stature fairly soon, he may

Heading for the political desert

not think it even worth running in the next leadership contest.

As expected, Ramon said this week it is too early to start tinkering with the party leadership yet. He added that before he decides whether he will be a candidate, "I want to know what kind of party I'm contesting for and what the election system will be."

Ramon spoke of structural changes necessary to overhaul the party's "old apparatits," reiterating his long-standing support for open primaries, in which the entire public, including non-members of the party, would vote for the Labor leader.

Ramon's obsession with open primaries evokes derision among Labor pundits who have visions of "hundreds of buses filled with Shas supporters rushing to vote for Ramon in open primaries," as one put it. "It is no problem for Ramon to organize that with his good friend [Shas leader Arych] Deri."

Nor is the idea so far-feached considering Ramon and Deri's joint concoction of what was dubbed "the stinking maneuver" in the coalition cliffhanger of 1990, as well as their more recent cooperation in the Histadrut elections and leadership.

Labor sources say if Ramon finds his chances against Barak diminishing, he might well "do a David Levy," quit the party and field an independent list in the next Knesset elections. He did this when he formed the Ram list to oust Labor in the Histadrut elections. In such a case, it is not inconceivable that dovish MKs who support Ramon might follow

As head of an independent list Ramon would target all those recent Labor members who joined the party after Rabin's assassination but might not register as members again. He could also try to attract people who were never Labor members by creating a "new" yuppie party stripped of all ideological baggage much as Prime Minister-elect Binyamin

For Labor, the postmortem, recriminations and jostling for new alliances have only just begun, Michal Yudelman reports



Contenders for the Labor throne, Ehud Barak (left) and Haim Ramon. Netanyahu did in the Likud pri-

Ramon remains an electoral force and it is important for the party to have him," said a senior party source, "but he can cause great damage, too. Labor needs someone stable, who can be relied on to stay on board and not jump ship whenever something annoys him. There is something flawed in Ramon's basic concept of party leadership," the source added.

Ramon's chances against Barak increase considerably if Labor stays in opposition, as opposed to joining a national unity government. Here he will have his record as an experienced former minister to fall back on, and he can still wield considerable power in the Histadrut and the Jewish Agency, headed by his friend Avraham

Barak, by contrast, will be only a rank-and-file MK with no apparatus or facilities at his disposal.

Labor's young guard last week held a gathering to support Barak and early leadership elections. One of the young leaders said later that Ramon sent an assistant to the gathering who told people that if they supported Barak they could forget about jobs in the Histadrut.

IN THE WEEK after the elections, stunned Labor leaders and activists looked for a scapegoat to blame for the downfall. They blamed the low Arab vote, or said that Meretz's bear hug had strangled Labor. Others experienced in various

election campaigns could not explain the general crash of all party systems, from the information campaign to the organization. But it was obvious Labor's cam-

paign simply was not focused and was based on wimpish, elitist assumptions. The party was not well-prepared, its leaders were smugly sure of victory, not enough funds were raised, and most of the

More specifically, personal rivalry between Barak and Ramon paralyzed the campaign and did irrevocable damage. Labor's campaign directors had no intelligence from inside the Likud campaign and were caught wrong-footed when it pulled surprises. Peres did not direct the campaign but put his trust in unsuitable people to do the job for him.

branches were not operating.

Other aspects of the lack of effort remain a mystery. For example the near total absence of Labor ministers and MKs from the field during the campaign months and, most damagingly, from the Arab sector on election day.

"I was working in the Arab vil-lages of the Triangle throughout election day and couldn't understand why there were no Labor region activist. In the evening, he reported to a party leader that the Arabs were indifferent and not

even bothering to go to the polls. "Peres happened to be there for the report," the activist said. "When he heard that he banged on the table and shouted that all the ministers must go out immediately to the Arab towns and villages. He and some other party seniors started calling Arab mayors and heads of councils, only to discover the telephone numbers they had were

outdated and incorrect." The great enigma remains the management of the information campaign. It was so inept theories have ranged from the paranoid notion of sabotage, to the dull truth of sheer complacency.

Members of campaign strategy teams and focus groups said that all their recommendations were rejected and that the campaign seemed to buck every principle of common sense.

Every time we were really enthusiastic over some campaign broadcast, especially ones starring Barak, it was shelved," said a member of one of the strategy teams and a participant in a cam-

paign-monitoring group. "We couldn't understand why there were no clips showing the government's massive achievements in the economy and road building. Another thing was the opinion polls showing that Bibi was gaining on Peres, and even overtaking him, kept coming in, but nobody did anything about it."

PROF. SHLOMO Ben-Ami who, as number 34 on Labor's list will be an MIK in the forthcoming Knesset, believes it would be a mistake to pin the blame on a lousy campaign or faulty organization and forge ahead on that, without an in-depth examination of "what really went wrong, not only during the election campaign, but in the four years which preceded it. All who ran the campaign failed. They can't just

march on as though nothing hap-

"A price must be paid for such a failure. At the very least Barak and Ramon must acknowledge their responsibility and hold themselves accountable," Ben-Ami said.

"The Arabs are not to blame, and I'm not sure Meretz is, either. The blame lies in the fact that this is a party built around a yuppie, superior, Ashkenazi elite which doesn't grasp the sensitivities of Israeli

Ben-Ami says Labor must ask itself whether itsneo-liberal and obtuse economic policy did not increase social gaps.

"There are whole sectors that aren't interested in the peace process, because it creates growth and worsens their own economic conditions."

"Labor didn't understand the paradox of modern society: Most of us want peace and to be part of the global village, yet at the same time we want to preserve the tribal spirit anchored in the consciousness of social groups. Labor has failed to find the balance between tradition and post-modernism, and it paid the price."

Ben-Ami said Labor must decide what image and shape it wants to take in the future, in view of the fragmentation of Israeli

"In today's pluralistic, multiethnic society, the party must become a coalition of minorities, resembling the classic American Democrat Party. The party must be an umbrella organization under which can act various groups and political clubs - Arabs, new immigrants, traditional Jews, people of Sephardi origin, trades unions."

Structurally, the era of party branches is gone, Ben-Ami says. They must be replaced by a variety of self-financing political groups and clubs built on the party

"For this a party needs a welldefined social ideology and orientation. Labor today lacks it.

"In the coming four years, Labor must develop a strategy to communicate with this new public and build bridges to it. One way would be to open party ranks to new people, bringing in a new spirit and feeling of freshness."

Four tipped for the top

Judith Sudilovsky profiles likely contenders for key positions in the Prime Minister's Office

HINGS move quickly in the world of the young and the

Take for example four of the people slated to hold key nonpolitical positions in Prime Minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu's office. Like Netanyahu all are under the age of 50; three are under the age of 40

and two are immigrants. But Shai Bazak, Netanyahu's 28year-old spokesman, takes it in stride; that's the way things are in a young country like Israel.

Bazak, who has been working

with Netanyahu for two years, didn't start out with the idea of working in the political arena. Life just sort of led him that way.

He is one of eight children of Esther, who lives in Gush Katif, and the late Shmuel Bazak, who died when Bazak was 14 years old. He was born in Jerusalem, lived some time in Tel Aviv and spent seven years living in Gush Katif. Although he was raised in a tra-

ditional Jewish home, Bazak after long contemplation - came to the conclusion that this was not the sort of life he wanted to lead and now no longer considers himself

After his army service in the Givati Brigade as a sniper commander, Bazak worked at various student jobs until a political activist friend convinced him to become involved also.

While he worked, Bazak studied evenings and weekends at the Open University and will receive his degree in political science and communication this month.

When the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza was looking for a spokesman his name came up and he worked as their spokesman before leaving to become the political correspondent for Itim.

After working at Itim for six months, another friend, Danny Naveh - who at the time was Netanyahu's spokesman - called Bazak. He was leaving to work in the private sector, said Naveh, and wanted to know if Bazak would be interested in replacing him.

"It was the first time I met Bibi," said Bazak. "He was very impressive and we made a good connection. I thought it was important he lead the country and saw it would be a challenge to work with him and there would be much to learn from him."

Despite his young age, Bazak is known among journalists as one of the more efficient and dependable

AVIGDOR "Ivet" Lieberman, who is slated to be the director general of the prime minister's office, began his Likud career together with Knesset Member Tzahi Hanegbi while both were students

at the Hebrew University.

Lieberman received his B.A. degree in political science from the university.

Lieberman, 37, declined to be interviewed for this article. He immigrated here from Russia in 1978 and started working as an adviser to Netanyahu when Netanyahu was working in the Foreign Minister's office.

Lieberman has been the directorgeneral of the Likud Party for the past three years. He and his wife Ella have three children and live in Nokdim, near Herodion.

DORE GOLD, who is expected to be Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, is originally from Connecticut. He made aliya in 1980, although he had been coming back and forth to Israel since

> Gold, 42, grew up in a Zionist Conservative home and went to an Orthodox Jewish day school. Today he considers himself reli-

He and his wife, Ofra, live in Jerusalem with their two children. Gold received his B.A. degree in oriental studies and Islam, as well as his M.A. and Ph.D in political science from Columbia University.

He began working at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle East Studies in 1984 and joined the university's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies in 1985 when a number of the center's analysts left to become policy advisors for Shimon Peres.

While at the Jaffee Center Gold dealt a great deal with Israeli-American relations. Since 1991 he has been part of an effort to bring together Arab and Israeli intellectuals to discuss regional security issues. They held meetings every four to six months, said Gold.

As a part of this effort the group published a book on peace and cooperation in the Middle East in which analysts from different countries - including Syria and

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the situation.

me a regional perspective."

Gold first met Netanyahu in 1989 when he was deputy foreign minister. In 1991, at the time of the Madrid Peace Conference, Netanyahu asked Gold to accompany the delegation as an adviser and extended the invitation at later rounds of negotiations in Washington in 1992, when their relationship grew, said Gold.
Although he has contact with

other people within the Likud party he sees his connection being mostly through Netanyahu. "I never really thought of [being

was always interested in policy making," said Gold.

tipped to be cabinet secretary political activism is in the blood. At the age of 17 he was involved in the Herut party and he continued his activism with the Likud party as a law student at the Hebrew University.

He helped found the right-wing student organization, Gilad, which

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"I had an opportunity to intermingle a lot and to travel in the region," said Gold. "It helped give

involved in politics]. But I think I

FOR Danny Naveh, 36 - who is



Iran - discussed their own views of is when he first came into contact with Moshe Arens.

When Arens was appointed minister without portfolio he brought Naveh in as his spokesman, and Naveh later followed Arens into the defense minister's office. His nomination as the IDF spokesman by Ehud Barak caused

a stir. People felt that as spokesman for the defense minister, Naveh was associated with a political party and the position of IDF spokesman should be above partisan politics. Naveh withdrew his candidacy.
After the Labor victory in 1992 Naveh became foreign editor at

Ha'aretz and later served a brief stint as spokesman for Netanyahu. Most recently Naveh was head of the purchasing department of Kupat Holim Clalit, although he continued to be a strong supporter of Netanyahu and held weekly meetings with him.

Two months ago, Naveh took an unpaid leave of absence from work to help in Netanyahu's campaign. It seems that this unpaid period

Naveh is one of four children of the late Mordechai Manhiem and Yehudit, who lives in Jerusalem. He comes from a religious back-

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ground but no longer considers

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Top priority: Improve Palestinian economy

ANY Palestinians do not have much faith in successfully negotiating a final settlement with a Likud government. But the economy will be the key to Israeli-Palestinian relations during the next year, and in this the Likud is better placed than the outgoing Labor government to make a good impression on the Palestinians

Those Palestinians who do not mourn the demise of the Labor government might consider political concessions to be meaningless if they cannot make a living. "Believe me, if there is an intifada it will be for economic not political reasons," noted Hamdi Farraj, a Bethlehem journalist and Oslo-

Closures and roadblocks which destroy the ability to make a living have convinced many that the peace process is a bad joke. Nearly all Palestinians say easing

the closure is their No. 1 priority. The Likud is ideologically opposed to closures which emphasize the Green Line.

No matter that the Likud is more radically opposed to a Palestinian state than Labor. If Prime Ministerelect Binyamin Netanyahu does not renege on the Oslo 2 agreement to redeploy in Hebron: implements the earlier agreement on safe passage between Gaza and the West Bank; releases more prisoners; redeploys the IDF in three further phases over the next year, is judicious over extraditions and Orient House; if he does not take steps like building new settlements, then there could be less friction between the government and the Palestinian Authority than there was when Labor was in power.

No one expects the core issues of Jerusalem, settlements, refugees and the final borders of a Palestinian entity to be concluded until the eve of the next century. But one thing Netanyahu must do now is help Palestinians earn money, and no one has a solution that does not include allowing tens of thousands of workers to take jobs in Israel.

The effects can be precisely calibrated. If 10,000 workers are allowed into Israel (the situation today), the per-capita gross national product in territories under the Palestinian Authority will fall a disastrous 17 percent this year. If 30,000 workers are allowed in it will drop 6%, the same figure as

The Likud could well ease tensions with the PA, Jon Immanuel comments

by opening the Israeli economy to 120,000 Palestinian workers. But

by 1991 then-defense minister

Moshe Arens, Netanyahu's mentor,

realized that, after restricting work

permits following the Temple

Mount not in October 1990 and

through the Gulf war, other ways to

economic improvement were need-

breaks to help autonomous local industries in Palestinian towns.

to encourage local Palestinian

industry now. But easing the clo-

sure to allow 120,000 workers into

Israel is made more difficult today

by the much graver security situa-

Donors and diplomats whose

support will be crucial to the Likud

government consider the closure

punitive rather than preventive, at

best designed to compel the PA to

on Hamas can be successful with a

complete closure. This view is sup-

ported by the Labor government's

partial easing of the closure since

It could be lifted further, foreign

diplomats feel, if elementary secu-

rity precautions were taken at the

Diplomats have noted with satis-

faction that at the Karni checkpoint,

where the March 4 Dizengoff

Center bomber jumped from a

Gaza truck into an Israeli truck

without being spotted, the young

IDF conscripts have been replaced

by a professional security firm

which is more thorough and works

faster than the soldiers. This

reduces the time truck drivers have

to wait, the losses to factory owners

and the danger of spoilage to the

the Labor government in its dying

days, but it is consistent with

Netanyahu's privatization policy.

There is no place where privatiza-

tion can be better applied than in

the IDF, by selling off to special-

ized private companies functions

This change was established by

trucks' contents.

But no one thinks a crackdown

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Green Line crossings.

So Netanyahu has no reason not

He therefore appointed a committee which recommended tax

last year. If 60,000 are allowed in, the Palestinians can break even, says Odin Knudsen, the World Bank's representative in Gaza and the West Bank.

Donor funding is not a substitute, he says. The PA received \$800 million in the past two years but that represents only \$250m. in wages to Palestinians while the rest goes on such things as planning, foreign experts and materials. But \$500m. earned by Palestinians in Israel is like a \$1.5 billion donation and the effects are almost immediate. The money circulates through the Palestinian economy providing jobs and salaries.

The Labor government's plans for industrial parks which would have given several thousand Palestinian workers jobs in Israeli companies without them having to cross the Green Line was only a partial solution with no immediate benefit. Also it depended on donor aid and donors were not happy with Labor's approach.

According to one high-level diplomatic source, "Donors had a hard time knowing who to turn to - Uri Savir [directorgeneral of the Foreign Ministry], Oren Shahor [government coordinator] or [others]. Savir seemed to want to be in control himself." The accusation resembled charges made against the Palestinians.

A STRONGER Palestinian economy fueled by the creation of employment and wealth on a massive scale will create a situation more conducive to harmonious peace talks a year or two down the

This will encourage foreign investors, among them potential Palestinian investors waiting on the sidelines to enter the territories with hundreds of millions of dollars.

Ahmed Qreia, chief Oslo negotiator and speaker of the Palestinian council, who was the PLO's chief economist in exile, blames the Likud governments in the 1980s for creating Palestinian dependence on the Israeli economy. And it is true that the Likud sought to head off any talk of political separatism

will also reduce friction between Palestinians and the army.

Due to a variety of means, the first of which is very close coordination between Israeli and Palestinian security organs (which could readjust the Likud government's view of PLO-Hamas collaboration), easing the closure should not mean less security. The threat to send the IDF into Gaza to fulfill Netanyahu's pledge not to leave Israeli security in the hands of Arafat could therefore remain

empty.
Likud MK-elect Gideon Ezra, a former deputy head of the General Security Service, supports further easing of the closure: "This closure has hart mainly permit holders. They should be able to work as they did in the past. We are responsible for their livelihoods."

For similar economic reasons he strongly advocates opening the safe passage between Gaza and the West Bank, which should have been implemented after the Cairo accords in May 1994.

There is no knowing whether suicide bombers will disrupt this positive scenario, but in the past Hamas attacked for a variety of reasons. The will was especially strong after the Goldstein massacre in Hebron and after the killing of bomb-maker Yihye Ayyash. Hamas also harbored a special hatred for Yitzhak Rabin who as prime minister deported 415 Islamic activists in 1992 and then made peace with the PLO, which in Hamas's view, was a ploy to weaken Hamas.

Hamas is currently no more opposed to a Likud government than to a Labor government. Some Hamas supporters have even expressed a preference for Netanyahu over Peres because they know Netanyahu is less well-disposed toward Arafat and the PLO.

Right now many Palestinians believe that their doubts about the Likud's future political plans are shared by the Europeans and the Americans. Israeli settlers who welcome the results of the election also feel more comfortable.

Thus, while there is no knowing what really motivates a suicide bomber, and Hamas leaflets issued abroad call for more attacks against Jewish men, women and children, there is a better chance that extremists on both sides will remain relatively subdued, if the economy improves, until political talks enter their critical phase.



Sheinkin shrugs it off

Thomas O'Dwyer sounds out the true postelection mood of Sheinkin Street, Tel Aviv's rickety 'spirit of place'

Sheinkin brigade" and wonder how that defeated ragtag unit is taking the bad news. They" are people who have been savoring their fond fantasies of mass hara-kiri outside Cafe Tamar - as the lean and lank-haired lefties, the liberals and the limpwristed respond in despair to the election of Bibi Netanyahu and the dark forces of religious fundamen-

THEY call them "the

Yes, poor old Sheinkin Street has been getting it in the neck again as the living example to frighten the children of what dreamers and New Middle Easterners have done to this once proud and God-fearing etc. etc. nation.

Take Yosef Lapid, for example. "The Sheinkin brigade," he wrote this week, "the round-spectacle band, the Bohemians, the academics, the journalists, the Dedi Zuckers of this world "are "panicky and offended" because "democracy has let them down."

Wow! All that vast variety of people one could idly spy this week on sunny Sheinkin Street - bikers, families, pony-tails, skate-boarders, kiddos, middle-aged newspaper readers - can suddenly be classified by another Lapid catch-all: the kings of the swamp"?

Is this somehow a reference to the swamps of antediluvian times where the mighty dinosaurs

"Yep," said Roni, sporting a wayout-of-fashion ponytail, cheerfully sweeping his arm over the sidewalk cafe clientele. There they are the dinosaurs of the swampish left, but don't tell Bibi's new fundamentalist buddies. They don't believe in dinosaurs so they'll just ignore us." One wonders when some of the

haters of all that is "Sheinkin" last bothered to climb down from their favorite point of order and actually order a coffee at Cafe Kazeh.

They might notice something oddly out of sync with their smug theories, especially around Friday afternoon.

It was a Friday afternoon some years ago when I first discovered the Cafe Tamar on the corner of Sheinkin and Ahad Ha'am late afternoon, so the cafe was closing, as was just about everything else on Sheinkin. Shabbat was approach-

It was plain to see this would be of concern to many residents, for there they were, on the street or in the little fountain park donated by some faraway Mr. Fingerman, dressed in the garb of the Orthodox, strolling with their above-average number of little

Only much later I became aware that "Sheinkin" actually meant hippie, yuppie, trendy, arty Tel Aviv's alleged pathetic attempt to copy-cat Greenwich Village.

Sure it zings with arry types, odd boutiques (one named No Name) and those trendy cafes and quirky ancient shops from another world. But the haredi residents choose to live there too, apparently in a quiet and relaxed peace agreement with the secular trendsetters.

So what is this "Sheinkin brigade" so easy to sneer at from distant newspaper columns? Nothing more, perhaps, than a barely existent hint of true Israeli national character: colorful, integrated, tolerant

The Mediterranean writer Lawrence Durrell explored the image or legend that some physically dull places acquire a "spirit of

Such locations gather, for a limited time, the essence of their surrounding cultures.

Geographically dull places that have generated an enduring spirit of place would include Left Bank

'Sheinkin brigade' in all of its glorious variety has survived the 'perfidy' of democracy - as these photographs taken this



Paris, the city in Durrell's own Alexandria Quartet, Zorba's Crete, the Dublin of James Joyce.

Tuesday afternoon this week provided a little cameo of Sheinkin taking all in its stride. On the threshold of this new dawn of security with peace, an "incident" was in full progress near the entrance to Sheinkin. Allenby Street was sealed off, a forlorn and abandoned No. 4 bus was isolated in the center of the cordoned area, and the gathered crowds murmured darkly about a suspect pigua (terrorist

The Sheinkin coffee houses were packed and lively. Signs of panic and offense were woefully absent. Granted everyone jumped a little when the anti-terrorist squad blew up whatever was suspicious in Allenby, but there was an unseemly levity about it all.

"Things are different now," said Haris (one of those awful "academics") with a wink over the top of his Ha'aretz. "That was a pigua with peace."

Sure there is a new government on the way, but there was some cheer too - the prospect of a fresh crop of David Levy jokes. (In the meantime: "How many new ministers does it take to change a light bulb? As many as can get past the attorney general.")
Pinko lefnes were not tearing

their thinning 60s hair out along Sheinkin sidewalks. "You're mistaking me for someone who gives a f...., said a world-weary 25-yearold resting his coffee cup on an Apple laptop. "They're only politicians for chrissake, not real peo-

And Sheinkin is only a street, and a pretty dull one, with a park and

some cafes and a few useful little shops. Menahem Sheinkin's only real claim to fame (he died in a car crash in Chicago in 1925) was to suggest the new Jewish suburb of Jaffa be named Tel Aviv, after the translation of Herzl's Almeuland Sheinkin (an ultra-conservative who was even opposed to shops appearing in the city) named Tel Aviv, and Tel Aviv took Sheinkin Street to its heart to be its rickety spirit of place.

To decry Sheinkin as the spirit of lefties, dreamers and corrupters of youth is to fail to observe the haredim in the park, the internet cafe round the corner, the yuppie businesswomen hard at work over their coffee, two gay actors discussing their play.

There was a terse news brief in The Jerusalem Post a couple of years ago: "A man was shot in the legs from a speeding car as he left a tattoo parlor in Sheinkin Street." Probably not a drop of coffee was spilled or an eyebrow raised in the entire street in that few seconds. "Election panic grips street" just wouldn't cut it as a headline, or

even a brief. In the Cafe Tamar, among the chess boards and free newspapers, someone had gone to the ladies' room, leaving a slim book of poems by Nobel Laureate Seamus

Heany. It was open at his description of a place called "the republic of con-science" and with politics in the air, a couple of lines caught the eye: "At their inauguration, public leaders must swear to uphold unwritten law and weep to atone for their presumption to hold office..."

You wish! But it might make a headline in Sheinkin.





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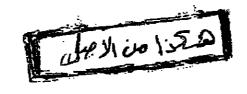
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'The New York Times' mourns Netanyahu victory

EYE ON THE MEDIA

GUEST COLUMNIST HILTON KRAMER

N The New York Times's shamelessly slanted coverage of the recent Israeli elections, the pictures said it all.

There was the Page One photo on Friday, May 31, of Israelis in deep mourning over the victory of Benjamin Netanyahu - just as if the country had witnessed another assassination instead of a democratic election.

This was promptly followed up on Sunday, June 2, with a huge picture of Netanyahu against an even bigger poster of the man and a star of David on the front page of the "Week in Review" section that made him look like - what else? - the sinister, threatening figure that the paper itself had been campaigning against for

For retarded readers who may still have missed the point so blatantly stated in the pictures, on that same Sunday there was Tom Friedman in his "Foreign Affairs" column summing up the election results with his customary delicacy: "The bad guys won."

In an earlier column on Wednesday, May 29, Friedman had already trashed Netanyahu by placing him in the same political class as Gennady Zyuganov, head of Russia's Communist Party. They "actually have much in common," wrote Friedman. "Both Netanyahu and Zyuganov are being swept forward by a nostalgia for a bygone era," etc.

But trashing Likud politicians is nothing new for Tom Friedman. It won him two Pulitzer prizes when he was the Times correspondent in Israel and Beirut, and it was the Pulitzers, in turn, that won him the "Foreign Affairs" column which, ever since he began writing it, has given Tony Lewis stiff competition as the crudest repository of the left-liberal line on foreign-policy matters to be found

anywhere in the paper.

In his almost daily coverage of the election campaign, Serge Schmemann – now the Times's principal correspondent in Israel did not speak of a "nostalgia for,a bygone era," but his partisanship was no more subtle than was

Reporting from Jerusalem on Tuesday, May 21, for example, he drew a sharp contrast between what he called "Mr. Peres's

peace" and "Mr. Netanyahu's fist" - and similarly reduced the entire election campaign to a choice between a vote for the past

(Netanyahu) and a vote for the future (Peres). any

reckoning," Schmemann wrote, "the May 29 election will be a major milestone in the 48-year history of the Jewish state, a day when Israelis will choose either to follow Mr. Peres on the uncharted road toward a comprehensive peace he promises, or to opt for the more familiar hard line of the Likud's Benjamin Netanyahu."

That perfectly summed up the Times's own position on the Israeli election, and it was strictly within the boundaries of this prejudicial position that the paper's daily coverage of the campaign was framed.

It never seems to have occurred to Schmemann and his Times colleagues in Israel that the reckoning of a significant majority of Jewish voters might be quite different - that in their view, the problems of Shimon Peres's peace" were all too evident and that Benjamin Netanyahu's more cautious approach to the "peace process" might promise a more secure future.

So the Times - in this matter, as in so many others - followed Bill Clinton's lead in campaigning for a Peres victory, and was left in a similar state of shock over the

The truth is, the Times never gave Netanyahu a fair hearing or anything resembling objective reporting - during the entire course of the campaign. And the Times is unlikely to alter its coverage of Israel - coverage that owes more to ideology than to objective reporting - now that Netanyahu has proven the victor.

Abe Rosenthal accurately described the situation in his Op-Ed page column of June 4: "Before the Israeli election," he wrote, "the US and European public kept receiving a warped picture of Israeli political reality. After the election, they still receive it. And chances are that they will keep getting it, on and

"The reason," he added, "is that the dispensers of wisdom remain the same. Foreigners who had favored us with their warp before the election granted us their analyses and predictions immediately after the votes were in. The same people will instruct us on the new Israeli leadership, which they detested before it won and whose Government they regard with heaving horror."

It would have been indiscreet for Abe Rosenthal to mention the Times - but readers could easily recognize how closely the description fits.

It wasn't until June 5, a week after Netanyahu's victory, that the Times finally got around to giving its readers a serious assessment of Israel's new prime minister. This was in the article by Conor Cruise O'Brien, the Irish writer and veteran United Nations hand, on the Op-Ed page - and reading it was almost like reading a different

At last, one thought, an article about Israeli politics for grown-

O'Brien, who knew Netanyahu when the latter was Israel's permanent representative to the UN, declared his conviction straight away that "Benjamin Netanyahu has the potential to be the ablest Israeli Prime Minister since David Ben-Gurion," and his article addressed the toughest questions that the new prime minister will

"What will become of the peace process?" O'Brien asked, and gave an answer that must have shocked the top brass at the Times. The question is badly put,"
O'Brien wrote. "The expression 'the peace process,' though almost always used as if it were selfexplanatory, is in fact full of dangerous ambiguities."

"The peace process with Mr. Arafat," O'Brien pointedly observed, "is virtually burned out, and would be so even without the Israeli election. Mr. Arafat has shown that he cannot deliver peace because he cannot control the armed Islamic factions that regard themselves at war with Israel."

As for Syria, O'Brien confident-ly predicted that "Mr. Netanyahu will use this time to prepare the group, by securing his authority over Likud and the country, much the way Menachem Begin did before he made peace with Sadat. Mr. Netanyahu will probably make peace with Syria, but only in his second term.

It was remarkable that the Times published this piece at all, but it would have been a more honorable course had the paper published it – or something like it – during the election campaign. As it was, the Times opted instead as it so often does these days - to make itself yet another mouthpiece for the Clinton White

This article first appeared in The New York Post, Hilton Kramer, editor of The New Criterion, was chief art critic of The New York Times from 1973

by DOSH

Welcome to 'neo-Zionism'

ANE Israelis (only half the nation, according to Shimon Peres), I am sure, have had their fill of "post-Zionism." This is the invention of Jews fed up with history, especially Jewish history. They wish Israel to be not a Jewish state but the "state of all its citizens" integrated in the 'Semitic expanse," as some of them have called our region; or a pillar of the "New Middle East." as others have dubbed their pipe dream; even to be an equal member of the Arab League, as some have suggested.

I have just learned of a new concept, "neo-Zionism." This is not, as you might think, a "post-Zionist"-era revival of classical Zionism. It is the latest in our foes' stock of demonizing labels. Seeking to explain what he considers Zionism's and Israel's great success in the West, Abdel Wahab el-Messiri wrote in the May 21 issue of the semi-official Egyptian daily al-Ahram: "The secret ... does not lie in the alleged Jewish control over the media, trade and industry or great Jewish wealth. Rather, it lies in the fact that the neo-Zionism is part of the Western imperialist structure Israel is a 'strategic treasure' for the US ... a very cheap [military base], much cheaper than the cost of 10 aircraft carriers" (this translation from the Arabic appeared in the May 23-29 issue of the English-language al-Ahram weekly).

So, Arab spokesmen are still pouting over having been defeated by Charles Martel at Poitiers more than 13 centuries ago, and over all the other defeats various Arab and Moslem forces have suffered over the centuries in their never-ending campaign to Islamize/Arabize the world.The world and life in general, and Israel in particular, are not a mundane reality for these spokesmen, but one great conspiracy against Islam and Araby.

With few exceptions, these people and Egypt's political, academic, intellectual, artistic and journalistic elites are full of them, to judge by the tone of the overwhelming portion of the articles in Al-Ahram weekly which give no indication that they understand and accept the conventional meaning of the term "peace." Certainly not where Israel and its allies are concerned.

As for our being a beach-head of, or a super-aircraft carrier for, American imperialism, and for Western imperialism in general those Arab spokesmen seem to be congenitally unable to accept the MOSHE KOHN

notion that shared spiritual roots. shared values and shared hopes for the future are a major factor, if not the root factor, in American-Israeli friendship, and originally even in the brief British-Zionist friendship that produced the Balfour Declaration.

Dr. Hertzel Fishman of Jerusalem and the late Prof. Moshe Davis of Jerusalem and American historian Barbara Tuchman, among others, have amply documented the elements of these friendships. (Thanks to Dr. Joseph Lerner, Jerusalem.)

BUT WHY shouldn't Arab propagandists demonize Israel and the Jews when so many Jews, in Israel too, take such delight in doing so, sometimes under the auspices of some of our revered institutions. The current Spring issue of Bezalel, quarterly bulletin of the Friends of Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem, features an illustrated item about a "socio-political poster exhibition" by an alumnus of the academy's department of Graphic Design, Yossi Lemel.

The bulletin says that the aim of the exhibition is to "create a dialogue between [Lemel's] work as a politically involved designer and the students who are learning and experiencing the importance of the designer in society." The item is illustrated by one of Lemel's posters, showing four Ethiopian children who were among the more than 20,000 Ethiopian Jews brought here in Operation Solomon five years

To avoid as far as possible the separation of the children from their families, they were each assigned a number, which was stuck on their foreheads. For our post-Zionist Lemel and his Bezalel sponsors, however, this aspect of Operation Solomon "can also be viewed as a cynical

For "even though Israel is praised for its commitment to be refuge and home to all the Jews of the world, it could also be said it treated these people like cattle." It could also be said that Yossi Lemel and his Bezalel sponsors should be viewed with contempt, as should their appeals for continned public support. Let us once and for all cease supporting with the Israeli taxpayers' money and with the philanthropic money of Diaspora Jews this march to

national suicide symbolized by the Lemel exhibition. (Thanks to Sue Lerner, Jerusalem)

"Maskobeyya" (i.e. "Moscowville"). (Thanks to Michael Freund of Peace Watch

A JORDANIAN editor recently Places in the Old City" which pointing out this lacuna.

the "inadvertent omission" and promising to rectify the mistake. Sure enough, the March issue No. 12 of the journal contained the following note: "The editorial team would like to apologize for the inadvertent omission of the synagogues from the map of the holy places in Jerusalem...Among such synagogues: the Rambam synagogue...; the Ben Zakkai compound of four synagogues...; and the Yeshiva-College of Porat Yosef." (Thanks to Dr. David Clayman, director of the American Jewish Congress,

IN MY column of May 17 I incorrectly credited a "Shalom Institute," which I never heard of, with a survey of democratic countries where a special majority is required on certain crucial issues. In fact, that survey was done by the Jerusalem-based Shalem Center, directed by Dr. Yoram

FRST HISTAKE WILL BE ...

THE FARRAGO of lies and antisemitic canards disseminated by Yasser Arafat's propaganda apparatus, his so-called "Ministry of Information" (which my col-league David Bar-Illan treated on this page on May 31) included an equation between Auschwitz, Dachau etc. and the Israeli prisons in which Arab terrorists are held and questioned. The author cannot even get himself to use the proper names of the locales of those prisons, rendering them in Arabic. Megiddo is "Majeddo," Ashkelon is "Askalan," and Jerusalem's Russian Compound is

and Dov Genachowsky, both of

provided a sharp contrast to his Egyptian and "Palestinian" counterparts in his respect for facts. I refer to Khairi Janbek, editor of Interfaith Quarterly of the Royal Institute for Inter-Paith Studies in Amman The journal had published a map of "Jerusalem's Holy showed churches and mosques but not a single synagogue or even the Western Wall. Eliyahu Tal, founder of the International Forum for a United Jerusalem and author of Whose Jerusalem?, wrote a letter to the Quarterly

Janbek replied, apologizing for Jerusalem office.)

ARULIK



... WHATEVER HE DOES, IT WILL BE A GRAVE MISTAKE!

Bringing oneself closer to the Divine

"You have gone too far. All the people in the community are holy, and God is with them. Why are you setting yourselves up above God's congregation?" (Num. 16:3)

IHE Torah portion of Korah records the first rebellion against Moses - and by extension against Judaism. As seen in the quote, Korah's claim is an outgrowth of the negation of Moses' main message. All along Moses has commanded the nation to strive for greatness; to reach upwards for spiritual development: "You shall be holy." (Lev. 18:1) But Korah insists that

everyone is holy as is. In a very real sense, Korah's charge is repeated by modern Christianity and secularism. Paul. the church fathers, Calvin and Luther all questioned the ability of people to attain holiness by adhering to a way of life consisting of 613 commandments. Original sin and the weakness of human nature, they maintained, make this ideal an impossible dream. Hence, according to them, the Gospels superseded the "Old Testament"; God will redeem us, not on the basis of our good works, but solely because of His compassionate grace.

Judaism has also been attacked by the secularists (the heirs of Greek paganism) and certain schools of psychoanalysis for having created the entire notion of a difficult-to-obtain holiness. Are we not acceptable just as we are? "I'm OK. You're OK." As is. On the basis of this attitude, Judaism becomes a repressive force. "All the people in the com-

munity [in the world] are holy!"

SHLOMO RISKIN

Let it all hang out. Whatever you do is cool. Every physical expression is legitimate – whether in your life, in your books, on the screen or on canvas. In a sense, those who abandon or

oppose Judaism do so because they have chosen one of these two counterclaims, Christian or pagan. Judaism rejects both the pagan, everything-goes approach, and the Christian concept of original

sin from which there is no hope of redeeming ourselves. This is certainly evident from the biblical structure of commandment, as well as from the specific imperative to be holy. It is also contained in Moses immediate response to Korah.

He informs the rebels that in the morning everyone shall bring an offering of incense; God will then decide who is holy. Indeed, when the rebels bring their sacrifice, the Almighty makes known His rejection of them and their cause, and eventually the earth opens and swallows each rebel and his household. At this point God commands

Moses to tell Elazar, son of Aaron, to gather up "...the fire pans out of the burning.... Let them be made for a covering of the altar."
(Numbers 17:2-3) What is the symbolic message?

One might expect that these fire pans would be destroyed; after all, look at the people who brought them! Nevertheless they are to be considered holy - coverings for the altar, no less! In this response to Korah and

his cohorts rests the true message

of Judaism, which differs profoundly from both the classical pagan and Christian approaches. Judaism believes in the possibility of change and development, in sacrifice and thereby bring him-

self closer to the Divine. Fire symbolizes this capacity. Flame flickers in an upward motion, and purges, transforms and even purifies metal. Incense is the most ethereal of the sacrifices because the fragrance lingers even after the substance has been removed. Hence the Almighty demonstrates the human capacity

to reach upwards to God. Korah and his men taught that the human being is what he is. The Hebrew word for human being is adam, which comes from adama, earth. The human was formed from earth, the fundamental substance of his being. Korah denied the Divine spark in every human which enables him to be "but little lower than God" if he strives to reach upwards. Korah and his followers are swallowed by the earth because thus they viewed the human personality.

This interpretation fits beautifully with the conclusion of our portion, the commandment of taitait.

Any four-cornered garment we wear must be adorned with white and blue fringes, "...that you may remember and do all my commandments, and become holy unto your God." (Numbers 15:40)

These fringes are the Jewish funiform," the tallit serving as a symbol par excellence for Jewish the capacity of the human being to prayers and the white and blue of the fringes having been adopted as the colors of the Israeli flag.

The symbolism is remarkable. The human body is covered by His garments, an outer expression of the human potential. Our Sages link the white and blue of the fringes to the white and blue of the heavens: the individual will look upon his fringes and recognize the possibility of reaching heavenward

However i' cannot happen automatically. "You shall remember and do all my commandments, and [then] shall you become holy unto God." The numerical value of the word tzitzit is 600, with each fringe consisting of five knots and eight strings totaling

We Jews are neither holy as we are, nor in need of some magical Grace. Our physical selves must be covered by the 613 commandments of Torah. Only then can we become a holy nation and a kingdom of priests.

Shabbat Shalom

Budget cuts mean that your contributions must take up the slack

By the time you read this, the new government will have been formed, or almost so. All economic commentators seem to agree on one thing. They all say whichever party forms the government will be forced to cut the budget because the kitty is empty. And we all know what that means cut welfare, cut social benefits, cut immigrant allocations, cut education.

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Ain't nothing like the eel thing

HERE used to be a lot more freshwater eels in Israel but the pollution of rivers and streams has pretty well wiped them out in most places. A few rivers, particularly Taninim, still have them, and there are quite a few in the Kinneret. To those who don't know them they look very much like snakes but they are actually fish.

They even have fins and scales but the fins are tiny and the scales are difficult to see without a magnifying glass. The local eel is the European cel, (Anguilla anguilla in Latin, tslofah europi in Hebrew). It is found in the rivers and streams of Europe and North Africa. These eels are about a meter-and-a-half long and weigh approximately 1kg, when fully grown. They have numerous teeth and feed on smaller marine life including small fish.

The most remarkable thing about eels is their unique breeding D'YORA BEN SHAUL

habits. All of these eels are hatched in the depths of the Sargasso Sea. The adult eels produce fertilized eggs after a long migration; then, their life purpose accomplished, they die.
When the elvers hatch they

remain alone. At this stage in their lives they do not resemble adult eels but are small flattish objects that look more or less like transparent floating leaves. The tiny elvers then begin their long jour-ney back to the rivers of Europe and the Middle East and during this period, which lasts for three to four years, they grow very lit-

Only when they reach their destination do they suddenly begin to develop into adult eels. They enter the freshwater streams after a slow period of

adaptation in the brackish waters of the inlet and there, in their chosen river or stream, they develop. This process takes another eight

to 10 years. The eel is an adult only at the age of about 12, sometimes even older, depending on local conditions as to food availability and warmth. When the eels are adult and ready to complete their life cycle by breeding, they once again have to adapt to the seawater before they can begin the thousands of miles of migratory route back to the Sargasso Sea where they were hatched, swimming along at a depth of 2,000 to

4.000 meters. There they spawn and there they will die while another cycle of eel life begins.

It was the fact that he never

found baby eels or spawning adult eels in the rivers that led Aristotle to conclude that eels developed from the mud at the bottom of the rivers, a case of "spontaneous generation." This was believed until the end of the 18th century in many places. But now, even knowing where the eels breed, even having tagged them with radioactive isotopes and followed them back and forth across uncharted oceans, we still don't know the answer to some very

PASTIMES

basic questions. Why do they breed only in the Sargasso? How do the tiny elvers find their way back to their parental homes? Perhaps the answers lie in genetic coding.

What is the trigger that sends the adults back to the Sargasso after so many years? Is it programming? Hormonal reactions? These and many other questions will remain unanswered for the

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South (Kamil) **♠ AQ7432** ♥ 108

Table One West North East South 1♦ double pass 2 ♠ pass pass 4 ♠ Dass

Table Two West North double 4 ♠ (all pass)

Opening lead: ♦5

(all pass)

Can you figure out how one of the South declarers in today's diagram made his four-spade contract? The answer will come later, but here is a clue: He made the contract through a purely psycho-

logical trick. The deal comes from the final match in the prestigious Reisinger Knock-Out Team Championship, MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

held last week in New York City. The winners were Michael and Steve Becker, Mike Kamil, Richard De Martino, Bruce Rogoff and Joshua Parker. They defeated by 19 imps the team of Bob Blanchard, Jim Krekorian, Bjorn Fallenius, John Rengstorff, Bob Jones, and Bill Pollack.

East's opening one-diamond bid

was the same at both tables, but the South players took different views, based on their upbringing. At Table 1, the South player was Bjorn Fallenius, who was brought up in Sweden and leans toward European bidding customs. The South player at Table 2 was Michael Kamil, born in New Jersey and raised on traditional American bidding. In America, the simple overcall has a wide range and can be made with as much as 18 points. In Europe, the overcall is limited to 15 points. and with stronger hands the players make a takeout double. This explains why Fallenius doubled the one-diamond opening while Kamil overcalled one spade.

The result of this seemingly unimportant choice of calls was that East at Table 1 stayed out of the auction, whereas at Table 2 East reentered the bidding with a takeout double of North's raise to two spades. Both Souths reached the final contract of four spades, but one South (Kamil) had more information about his opponents' hands. At Table 1, Fallenius won the diamond lead in his hand and

led a heart to dummy's ace. Then he called for a trump, hoping to finesse against East. When East showed out on the spade lead. Fallenius knew he was doomed. West had to score two trump tricks and declarer had to lose a

heart and club as well. At Table 2, Kamil also received a diamond lead. He called for the jack from dummy and won East's king with the ace. Kamil now came up with a unique ploy. He led a low trump from his hand toward dummy's weak spades.

West was taken aback. It would be most unusual for declarer to lead away from the ace-queen. thought West, and it was possible that his partner (East) held the singleton ace of spades. If that were the case. West dare not put up the jack of spades, else it would crash with his partner's ace, and three trump tricks would be turned into two. Therefore, West ducked the trump lead and dummy's nine of spades won the trick.

"No spades, partner?" asked an embarrassed West, when East failed to follow suit. Kamil now claimed his contract, losing only one trump trick. He explained afterwards that he had little to lose by his ploy. If the trumps were divided 2-1, he would lose one trump trick. If all three trumps were with East, he could finesse East on the second round of the suit. But if the trumps were split 3-0 with West holding all three trumps (as was suggested by East's takeout double, which indicated shortness in spades), he would triumph when West failed to diagnose the position.

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1 One succeeds without

trying (9)

6 Is this what the filthy rich possess? (5)

9 Loud suit for party (7) 10 All the same how soldiers

should dress (9) 11 Remarkably not a river in Spain but a lake in

America (7) 12 Originate from gentleman

at embassy (7)

13 Hints coming during stormy weather? (6,2,3,4)

18 Well-read clergymen? (7) 20 Thanks graduates taking care of the hot pepper 22 Churchman who operates a restraining influence? (9) 23 Mark one hundredth piece

24 Poles in river found a yellow-flowered plant (5) 25 Not time to be tough! (6,3)

DOWN

1 At home celebrated being

notoriously vile! (8) 2 Pedlar stuck with her in

trouble (8) 3 I read about rebel leader,

an attacker (6)

4 Sustained on the piano perhaps (6)

6 Drink article featured in French newspaper (8) 7 Unlawful act on a Ukrainian peninsula (6)

5 Kind of square diet first for the soldiers (8)

8 Last letter to enemy about protein substance produced by cells (6)

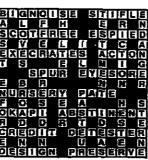
14 Shipping lane? (8) 15 Train Rita to drop a bothersome nuisance (8)

16 I sing in a medley about badges of office (8) 17 One cannot perform this in

play (8) 18 Fight medico in a jacket (6) 19 An ecclesiastical dignitary from the mountains (6)

20 No trap set for fish (6) 21 Go briskly and cheerily along in the light wind (6)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution Tenercary's Quick Solution
ACROSS: 1 Wreck, 4 Lining, 3
Swelled, 10 Tutor, 11 Onyx, 12
Immense, 13 Fit, 14 Ball, 16 Teem,
18 See, 20 Recount, 21 Fame, 24
Board, 25 Learned, 28 Demore, 27
Layer.
DOWN: 1 Wisdom, 2 Enemy, 3 Kill,
5 Intimate, 6 Intense, 7 Garret; 8
Admit, 13 Flounder, 15 Acclaim, 17
Probed, 18 Style, 19 Tender, 22

Probed, 18 Style, 19 Tender, 22 Annoy, 23 Mail.

QUICK CROSSWORD ACROSS 1 Young swan (6) 4 Harmonise (6) 7 Hastened (9) 9 Remaining (4) 10 Fable (4) 11 Mound (5) 13 Controlled (6) 14 Unfasten (6) 15 Twinge (6) 17 Cooking in fat (6) 19 Grey with age (5) 20 As new (4) 22 Chime (4)

23 Comish peninsula

24 Before this time

DOWN 1 Jail (slang) (6) 2 Closest (4) 3 Last straw (3,3) 4 At a distance (6) 5 Pour (4) 6 Half of a quarter 7 Cost-effective (9) 8 Blew up (9) 11 Sailing vessel (5) **12** Cunning (5) 15 Fall (6) 16 Cavity (6) 17 Iced (6) 18 Oesophagus (6) 21 Filmsy (4) 22 Front of a ship (4)



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Kamsky takes on Karpov 14.Qxf7+ And for his grand

ATA Kamsky, 22, the first American since Bobby Fischer to challenge for the world championship title, opened his account last week with the black pieces against reigning champion Anatoly Karpov in a 20-game series in the unlikely venue of Elista, the capital of the Kalmyk Republic on the Caspian Sea. The latest score is 1.5:1.5.

The event has been rather downplayed and has not generated the sort of media frenzy usually associated with a Russian-American duel. However, in what was described as "a last-minute haggling over the rules," Kamsky's father and coach Rustam. a pugnacious ex-boxer, did cause something of a stir by lashing out at Karpov's seconds.

The lack of media attention can be put down to Garry Kasparov's breakaway chess body the PCA, which has stolen most of the limited limelight that international chess emits, relegating FIDE into the shadows. Moreover the current FIDE finals are a whole year overdue.

They were initially scheduled for Montreal but those plans were scrapped for lack of sponsors. Moscow was the next suggested venue but because of internal political differences in chess circles, the Muscovites pulled out. Then FIDE's newly elected President Kirsan Ulyunzhinov, who is also president of the Kalmyk Republic and rumored to be one of the world's richest men, stunned the chess world by announcing the finals would be hosted in Iraq under the watchful eye and guiding hand of Saddam Hussein. The concerted wave of international protest put a quick end to that scheme.

Karpov, ranked third in the world, is widely tipped to retain his FIDE crown. In such an event a reunification match against his arch rival Kasparov would be on the cards.

But Kamsky's youthfulness and uncompromising dedication could

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tilt the scales. Kamsky is said to have no friends apart from his father and no interests apart from

COMPOSER RICHARD Strauss provides the game of the week.

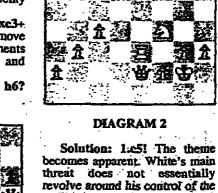
Strauss, Richard - Zuckerbacher Garmisch 1945 Petrov Defence

Le4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Bb4 .Nd5?! Nxd5. The capture of the e pawn would have probably been followed by a question mark or two as Strauss could have continued with 5.Qe2 and the black e pawn falls with

5.exd5 d6 6.c3 Bc5 7.d4 exd4 8.Bd3! Strauss's style seems incongruent with his dissonant and even unharmonious musical compositions. Here he avoids the natural recapture on d4 and begins to mount a bold attack against the uncastled enemy

8...Qe7+ 9.Kd2! dxc3+ 10.bxc3 0-0? A very weak move which only complements Strauss's unconventional and probably unsound assault. 11.Rel Qd7 12.Ng5 h6?

13.Qh5 Qg4?



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Ke8 5.Qg8+ Bf8 6.Ne6 Qd5+ 7.Rf3 1-0

opens up.

vent the check at c4 while defending the e pawn. 2.b4! Qxb4 3.a3! Qd6 4.Qa2+!

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e file, rather along the a2-g8

diagonal which the c pawn thrust

1...Qxe5 The only move to pre-

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DIAGRAM 1

after Black's 13th move

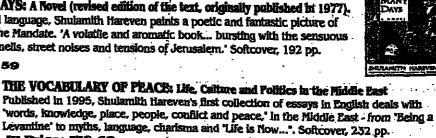
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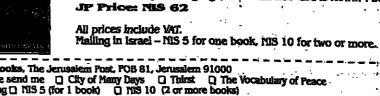
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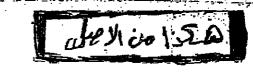
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The city of ten thousand swimming pools

THISPS of white flashed by the window. But restaurant regulars didn't even look up from their steak Diane. They knew it was just the daily procession of sleek stretch limos, scattering the ghosts of the

Lots of ghosts inhabit the resort city of Palm Springs, the longtime winter retreat for movie stars located a handy 160 kilometers east of Hollywood,

But apart from a mythical witch who prowls the canyons, they are beneficent spirits familiar legends of the silver screen who help keep the resort's celebrity aura alive.

The list of entertainment greats who have lived or vacationed in Palm Springs reads like a Who's Who in 20th Century film. Streets are named for them, their autographed photos cover walls of local businesses, and they're honored by larger-than-life statues and star-studded sidewalks a la Hollywood Boulevard.

Today's divas tend to breeze in and out like the dry wind across the California desert. But those who seek seclusion still hole up, however briefly, at discreet small hotels like the Ingleside Inn. Sixty years ago, one pulled up at the Ingleside bearing Greta Garbo, among the first guests to implore, "I want to be alone."

Some Palm Spring notables keep a considerably higher profile, playing in the endless desert golf tournaments or dabbling in politics. The city has had two celebrity mayors (not counting "honorary mayor" Bob Hope). The most recent - former singer/songwriter Sonny Bono left the job in 1992 for

Natour is organizing a series of

Mediterranean cruises on the Riviera Star, complete with a full

complement of Israeli singers and

entertainers. There is even to be a

hair salon with what is described

as a "high-class Tel Aviv hair-

dresser." Prices for the seven-day

cruise, including meals, start at

THE ISLAND of Lemnos, east of

Salonika, is the latest of the

Greek islands to be opened to

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Washington, where he's now serving as the Republican congressman from California's 44th

For a discouraging period in the high-rolling '80s, it seemed that Old Palm Springs was losing its charm. A handful of upscale suburbs such as Rancho Mirage and Palm Desert - marketed col-lectively as the Palm Springs Desert Resorts - were increasingly luring away chi-chi shops and celebs.

Mammoth self-contained properties like Mariott's Desert Springs — which offers everything from tennis to boat rides on an indoor-outdoor lagoon - started snapping up activity-minded

And golfers found that the most challenging of the 87 courses within 30 kilometers of Palm Springs were actually in other communities.

But after almost a decade of decline, Palm Springs is on the rise again. A new city-owned championship course - Tahquitz Creek Palm Springs Golf Resort, managed by Arnold Palmer Golf - opened last fall. A sprawling restaurant-nightclub-entertainment complex is the latest addition to the shopping heart of main-drag Palm Canyon Drive. A new Paim Springs entertainment museum also is in the

Perhaps the city's biggest image boost came recently when Givenchy opened its first spa hotel outside of France at the former Autry Resort. Never mind that noted hotelier Rose Narva got the go-ahead to recreate-Versailles at the base of the San Jacinto Mountains because she



Palm trees and mountains and the Korakia Pensione, built in 1924 to resemble a Moorish castle.

happened to know both fashion/fragrance icon Hubert de Givenchy and ex-singing cowboy/California Angels owner Gene Autry (who at age 88 was looking to sell his spread). Autry and his wife have kept a

home on the property and often hobnob at Givenchy's Le Poteger restaurant with spa guests, who in the first month included Nancy Reagan, Leslie Caron and Tim

For all the name-dropping,

Palm Springs isn't only for pampered jet-setters. Room rates start under \$100, even at legendary lodgings. Just about every major chain is represented, including Motel 6, and virtually all have pools as well as million-dollar views of the mountain-rimmed Coachella Valley, which in March and April is carpeted with wildflowers.

With so much resort landscaping, the sneeze quotient has risen dramatically in the desert, but fans still see arid inland California as Florida without allergies.

Vacationers can count on about 350 days of sunshine annually. Such weather naturally attracts a large contingent of retirees, and a few wags have suggested that Palm Springs' mean high temper-ature - 88 in Fahrenheit- is the same as the average age.

The man ahead of me at the airport car-rental counter did mention he'd been an auto-club member for 58 years, but the city also gets some of the spring-break crowd (though it tries to discourage revelers by scheduling lots of family-oriented events during the April school vacation weeks).

Most of the three million annual tourists are content to play golf (many of the courses offer discount deals), go shopping (amid the malls, a slew of consignment stores occasionally offer celebrity collectables) or just relax by a pool (Palm Springs alone has about 10,000 - almost one for every four residents).

The water needed to support the valley's hedonistic lifestyle is provided by a 30-kilometer-long underground lake, which in the hottest months also supplies a huge water park and cools off patrons at sidewalk cafes via elaborate misting systems.

Winter visitors also can luxuriate in hot mineral pools. The spring that inspired the city's name still bubbles from the sand

in front of the downtown Spa Hotel & Casino, owned by the Agua Caliente Cahuilla Indians. Until the end of the last century, Palm Springs had been their exclusive paradise. But they remain the largest landholders in town, which reportedly has made them the richest tribe in North

America. Much of the Agua Calientes' ancestral homeland is still undeveloped, and six kilometers south of town tourists can hike and picnic in the lush Indian Canyons - three long gorges with waterfalls and the world's largest oases of fan palms.

A fourth gorge, Tahquitz Canyon, starred as the idyllic Shangri-La in the 1930s movie Lost Horizon, but it's more ecologically fragile and is now offlimits to visitors. It has also been the scene of a number of hiking accidents - which Indians blame on the legendary witch whose shadow they say sometimes appears on the side of Palm Springs' skyscraping Mount San Jacinto.

The 10,800-foot mountain, which towers over the downtown area, is the steepest in North America, and you can zip via a hair-raising aerial tramway in 15 minutes to the 8,500-foot level, where there's a wilderness park and Nordic ski center.

One of several tours you can take includes Frank Sinatra's estate plus a few far-flung country clubs.

And the truly starstruck can soar over the valley by helicopter, small plane or hot-air balloon to see inside the high walls that surround many private

culinary tour of France, Gallic A led by chef and food writer Tsachi Buchstater, with meals in leading restaurants and visits to markets, bakeries cuisine, and wine cellars is being organized by Peltours, in conjunction with Isracard. The price of the Israeli seven-day tour, including meals, is \$2,600, plus a number of the credit card's bonus points. If your heart is set on a cruise but you can't bear to leave Israel,

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an apartment hotel in Palma de Mallorca from \$590, including

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T anchor, the Tornado, an inflated yellow craft with an outboard motor, looks like the most peaceful of ves-

It was this impression of peacefulness that caused me to push forward to the front of the craft when I boarded. I wanted to see everything, to experience it all. I should have listened to the owner and captain, Danny Birnbaum, who warned us that passengers usually enjoy their trip in inverse relation to their

age.
It was about 100 meters out of the Nahariya marina when the Tornado began skimming the waves. In real terms, the vessel was not going that fast, but every time it rode to the crest of a wave it would fall again with a distinct shudder.

The Tornado is a pleasure craft, and in retrospect it was great fun. I just wasn't so sure when I was hanging on for dear

The boat makes regular excursions from Nahariya to Rosh Hanikra. On the way, you can see bird islands, bits of coral rock sticking up out of the water. You can also see the vil-

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A real whirlwind of a ride

lage of Achziv, divided up into the separate territories of veteran squatter Eli Avivi, the Achziv National Park, and the Club

Mediterranée. Finally, there is Rosh Hanikra itself, with its white limestone caves jutting out into the sea. The approach by sea, fromwhich you can see the waves rushing into the caves, gives a unique understanding into the way in which the caves were

formed. However, all this was of secondary importance to me at the time. I was more concerned by the technical mechanics of staving on the boat with a modicum of comfort and the last shred of my dignity.

After boarding the vessel, I sat down on its wide rim. It was a comfortable seat until the boat actually started to move, Then, when the vessel began to buck with the waves. Birnbaum told us to hold on to the metal bar surrounding the steering mecha-

He didn't have to tell us. I was already hanging on for dear

life. The problem was, that in order to sit on the rubber rim and hold on at the same time, I had to lean over in a position that out a strain on my back. For a few seconds I considered losing face altogether, sliding ignominiously to the floor of the vessel and huddling there until

Apparently this reaction was typical for someone of my age. According to Birnbaum, as soon as the Tornado hits open water, the parents start shouting, hanging on desperately with one hand and holding on to their kids with the other. The youngsters, on the other hand, are bouncing up and down and having a wonderful time, barely holding on at all.

the journey was over.

It was at that point that I decided on another tactic. Instead of sitting down,

the metal bar, I stood up. At the time, it took considerable courage, but once I did so, I found that my situation had improved considerably. I was still holding on to the iron bar with all my strength, but at least I didn't have to lean forward to

hunched over and clutching at

When the boat did lurch, I was able to steady myself with my feet, rather than bounce around on my rear end. I even forced myself, for a few seconds at a time, to loosen my grip on the metal bar.

The Tornado is operated by Trek Yam, a company offering diving courses and jeep excursions, as well as boat rides. Prices for an outing on the Tornado are NIS 50 for adults, NIS 40 for children. If you plan to go, especially on a weekend, it is well to reserve in advance. They may be reached at tel. (04)

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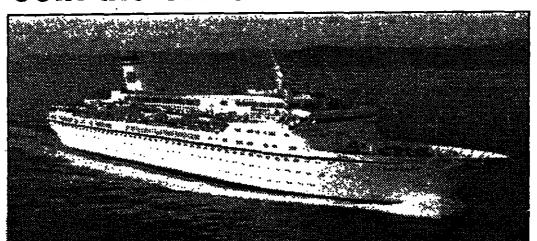
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GREER FAY CASHMAN

President Pnina Herzog wears many hats, and one is never quite sure in which capacity she's issuing an invitation. For instance, the brunch which she hosted last Friday in honor of Dr. Ralph Halbert of Toronto and Alex Grass of Pennsylvania, outgoing and incoming chairmen respectively of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, was in her capacity as a deputy chairman of the HU's Board of Governors, but it could have just as easily been in her capacity as a member of the executive board of the World Health Organization. Halbert is an orthodontist turned land developer and Grass is the founder and chairman of the executive committee of Rite Aid Corporation, the largest drugstore corporation in the US. He is also the chairman and chief executive officer of Scra-Tec Biologicals, a plasma processing firm.

THERE was no ululating, nor was there a portrait of King Hassan II on the wall, but the luncheon at the Maiersdorf Faculty Club of the Hebrew University had the aura of Morocco. The guests, including MKs Aryeh Deri (Shas), Meir Sheetrit (Likud), and Eli Dayan, Rafi Edri and Shlomo Buhbut (all Labor), were almost exclusively of Moroccan origin. The menu included such Moroccan delicacies as spicy cigars, couscous, chicken à la Casablanca and honey-dipped pastries. The music was hauntingly reminiscent of the old country and each of the members of the Moroccan band wore a fez. The occasion was the dedication of the Robert Assaraf Chair in Moroccan History and Moroccan Jewish History. An adviser to the King of Morocco, Robert Assaraf is thus far the first and only Moroccan national on the HU's Board of



At the Israeli premiere of 'Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored', (from left to right) coproducer Daphne Reid, the New Israel Fund director Avinoam Armoni and producer/director Tim Reid share a warm moment.

Governors, but he wasn't the only Moroccan national at the luncheon. Also present were Prof. Mustafa Sehimi of the University of Rabat, and Talai Rhoufrani of the Moroccan liaison office in Israel.

FOLLOWING IN the footsteps of his late father Ya'acov Herzog, Yitzhak Herzog (not to be confused with his same-name Labor activist cousin), has just completed his rabbinical and law exams. His father was both a rabbi and a lawyer, he recalled last week, "but he practiced neither." The younger Herzog has no ambitions to follow his father into the world of diplomacy. "He was really a

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political adviser," he observed. and that's what I'd like to be too." Well, he certainly has all the right connections.

THERE WAS absolutely no mistaking where the party was when guests climbed the staircase to the home of Sorryl Rosenberg, who hosted a humdinger in honor of Ruthie Blum, The Jerusalem Post's agony aunt, to celebrate the release of her new book. Rosenberg's signpost was a huge poster of Blum which she had pasted on the front door. Guests drooled over the fact that Rosenberg lives in Jerusalem's Yoel Moshe Salomon Street, the heart of the city's restaurant belt. When asked whether she ever dines at home, Rosenberg, who had prepared a sumptuous supper, said that she does occasionally eat out, "but not in this street."

THE DIPLOMATIC circuit has been slightly busier than usual this week with a flurry of farewells for German Ambassador Dr. Franz Bertele and his wife Doris. In addition, US Ambassador Martin Indyk and his wife Jill on Sunday hosted a garden party in their home for members of B hai B rith Israel. Although B'nai B'rith is a nonpolitical organization, Indyk did not miss the opportunity to echo the sentiments of the outgoing Laborled administration with regard to the peace process, stating that it should not be killed.

Un me same evening Ambassador Ronarong Nopakun celebrated the 50th anniversary of the rule of King Bhumibol, the

longest reigning of the world's living monarchs, with a reception at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv.

South African Ambassador Malcolm Ferguson and his wife Marsha launched the South African Friends Endowment Fund in support of the Beit Issie Shapiro Center for developmentally delayed children and adults at a dinner party to which they invited several South African expatriates such as Geoff and Tamara Tollman, Monty and Marilyn Hilkowitz, Alan and Valda Oken. Smokey and Mira Simon, Kalley and Fay Saacks, Shaul and Gila Elstein and Sidney and Michele Shapiro along with Ra'anana mayor Ze'ev Bielski and his wife Caron. British Ambassador David Manning yesterday opened his home in honor of the queen's birthday, and today French Ambassador Jean-Noel de Bouillane will extend a warm welcome to opera buffs and other invitees to his exquisite Jaffa home to toast the opening tomorrow night of the New Israeli Opera production of Jules Massenet's Werther.

FOREIGN AS well as local cinema celebrities were on hand last week for Tel Aviv's sixth International Student Film Festival, among them, film directors Jim Sheridan, Tim Reid, Evan Passer, Xie Fei and Enzo Monteleone. One of the highlights of the festival was Tolerance Day, cosponsored by The New Ist turing Reid's highly acclaimed American production Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored.

'The Terminator'

O what has happened to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair? Never has the attorney-general shown such fervor, such dili-gence, at his task as this week.

Likud parliamentarians observed that the sudden spurt of energy seemed to coincide with reports that Prime Minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu intended to replace Ben-Yair and appoint an attorney-general he "could have confidence in."

For years Ben-Yair has been criticized by politicians and the legal establishment alike for being too lax and for failing to take a firm grip on those who violated the law, particularly those with public responsibility, such as rabbis accused of incitement against prime minister Yitzhak Řabin.

Now, suddenly, the attorneygeneral is as busy as a summer bee. He decided to press charges against Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert for suspicions of tax fraud. and allegedly misappropriating election funds via fictitious Likud invoices in 1988.

A day later he advised Netanyahu that Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan might also be charged with illegally obtaining and misusing a confidential military document against a rival in an internal Tsomet dispute in 1992. Ben-Yair even went so far as to advise Netanyahu against offering Eitan a ministry until the police investigation against him is completed.

Ben-Yair also made it known heintends to appeal against the light



Ben-Yair: Tough guy (Harati)

penalty which the Jerusalem District Court imposed on former Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz, of Labor, for misusing the agency's credit card for his personal shopping.

Could this spurt of energy have anything to do with the possibility that Ben-Yair's own on the line?

Senior Likud figures were particularly surprised by Ben-Yair's

MICHAL YUDELMAN

Ben-Yair stars as

decision to charge Olmert now, six years after the alleged affair. They said it "stank" and was a piece of "villainy" aimed at saving the attorney-general from dis-

If that was so, it worked (for now at least). Netanyahu assured Ben-Yair he would not replace him when he assumes power. That doesn't mean he can't fire him in a few months' time, say hopeful Likud sources.

MEDIA AGAIN Oh, those wretched media vil-

lains are at it again, snarled Shas, sucking Aryeh Deri's blood, causing Rabbi Ovadia Yosef to burst



Deri's 'blood is being sucked'

All this erupted after Shas strongman Deri was hospitalized, apparently with a mild stroke, late Monday night, when he com-plained of weakness in his left arm and leg.

Deri was interviewed on Israel Radio's Hakol Diburun ("It's All Talk") that morning. He told doctors he had become very excited during the confrontation and shortly afterwards lost some feeling along his left side.

Prof. Avinoam Reches, who treated Deri, said "the background to the incident was probably a dialogue with a journalist which got him excited. I would call it a politician's work acci-

ignoring the sub-judice rule, saying that if convicted his sentence could be 21 years in jail. They are spilling his blood and sucking it. There have been cases of innocent people losing their lives because of cution."

Shelly Yehimovitz, who conducted the Deri interview, was unfazed. On Wednesday morning she broadcast the entire interview with Deri again.
Afterwards, she contacted

comedian Dudu Topaz, the first



Eitan might be charged

person to get an interview with Netanyahu after his election. along with 12-year-old Itai Hayun, who was elected the younger generation's "prime min-

At the end of the interview, Topaz said "Shelly, you spoke with me and, surprisingly, I still feel good. Tell me, when is the effect of the interview supposed to start working?"

Israel Radio sources said Deri's overreaction is intended as a



Shelly Yehimovitz: 'I didn't stroke Deri'

message to the media: Don't mess with my trial, or I might Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's son, diel They said he hinted as much. Rabbi David Yosef, went finder, when he browned an adversaring. The media for responsibility when he had a supposite the property of the property committed suicide the previous

> Yehimovitz said, "We journalists must do our work, a large part of which is asking questions. We don't always stroke our anorviewees, and there is no reason to do so, especially if they're experienced and skilled politicians like Den.

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Jewish Studies in State Schools: A Look at the Facts

During the last few weeks false accusations have been made against the Ministry of Education claiming that the last four years have witnessed a deterioration in the study of Jewish subjects in state schools. The facts, however, prove that the opposite is true.

1 Increase in the number of pupils in state schools studying and taking matriculation exams in Jewish subjects.

During the last four years there has been a significant increase in the number of pupils taking 5-point matriculation exams in Talmud (five times as many) and in Bible (an increase of 30%).

2 Holocaust Studies

The Ministry of Education, in cooperation with Yad Vashem, has established a central school for Holocaust studies. Thousands of pupils attend this school every year at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot and Masua. During the past four years there has been an increase in the number of student delegations visiting concentration camps in Poland. During these years Yad Vashem and other centers were the recipients of unprecedented financial support.

3 Bible Recognized as Major Subject Through the intervention of Minister of Education, Amnon Rubinstein, the universities in Israel have recognized Bible studies as a major subject for the 5-point matriculation exam. This has encouraged secondary school students to choose Bible as a major.

4 Shenhar Committee Conclusions Accepted The Shenhar Committee decided on ways to to encourage and deepen Jewish studies in state schools. Their conclusions, which were adopted by the Minister of Education, established the need for a pluralistic approach to this curriculum, in the spirit of the TV program, "70 Aspects of Tora." During the last two years, the Ministry of Education has invested approximately NIS 26 m. in implementing the committee's conclusions.

5 Advanced Training for Teachers

Last year a center for teaching Jewish studies was established at Beit Yatziv in Beersheba. Some 4,000 teachers and educators have already attended courses at the center.

6 Scholarships for Students of Jewish Studies Two years ago, the Ministry of Education started granting scholarships to students of Jewish studies. As a result, after many years in which the number of those registering for Jewish studies in the universities showed a decline, a significant rise has recently taken place in the number of students registering for these subjects. At teachers' colleges seven new streams of Jewish studies have opened, with 100 students attending this year, and approximately 250 registered for the 1996/97 academic year. Some 300 M.A. students in Jewish studies have received full tuition scholarships. This change in policy has resulted in a sharp increase in the number of students in the teacher training stream in Taimud and Jewish Philosophy in the universities.

7 Expansion of Judaic Studies The new guide-lines for junior high schools set 14 hours of Bible and Jewish studies weekly, compared with 12 hours established in 1985.

8 National Council for Jewish Education Two months ago a National Council for Jewish Education was set up in cooperation with the Minister of Education, Culture and Sport, Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, Minister Rabbi Yehuda Amital and Mr. Avraham Burg, Chairman of the Jewish Agency. The members of the council include scores of representatives from all streams of Judaism in Israel.

The above facts prove the falsity of the accusations and demonstrate the Ministry of Education's commitment to strengthening Jewish studies in state schools, in a spirit of enlightenment, tolerance and pluralism.

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Hafez Assad. They place credence in reports by Western and Arab sources that Assad's regime has been inundated by threats. One report, published in London's Financial Times, says Assad was the target of an assassination attempt last month when a bomb was placed along a route he was expected to have taken to a ceremony. Another report, published in a Jordanian newspaper, says Assad quelled an attempted mili-

tary coup.

Arab and Turkish diplomatic sources report tension rising throughout Syria. Since April, when the bombings began, close to 1,000 people, most of them Turkmen (ethnic Turks living in present-day Syria) have been arrested by the Syrian authorities. They include members of the ruling Baath Party. Syria is also said to have bolstered its military presence along its border with Turkey, with many soldiers being transferred from Lebanon, where Damascus maintains close to 40.000 troops.

The message being sent by Turkey to Syria is: 'Anything you can do we can do better,' " a diplomat based in Ankara says. The result is that Assad feels more vulnerable than he has been

Israel has been careful with the expansion of its cooperation with Ankara. Diplomatic sources say the Turkish campaign against Syria unsettles Assad far more than his support for Hizbullah attacks against the IDF in the security zone in South Lebanon rattles Israel. On the other hand, Israel has resisted Turkey's quiet appeals for a joint effort against the PKK.

"We don't want to acquire a new enemy," Zvi Alpeleg, Israel's ambassador to Turkey, says. "The Kurds don't yet see our cooperation against them, although there are people who say that it is taking

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Turkey's Islamic movement

ISRAELI HOPES for the accord with Turkey are matched by their concerns for its fate. Turkey has been without a stable government since national elections last December, in which the pro-Islamic Welfare Party won 158 of the 550 seats, more than any other party. Efforts to form a coalition that would exclude the Welfare Party have failed. The party has expressed opposition to the Turkish-Israeli accord as well as Turkey's efforts to join the European Union.

Few Turkish politicians appear to want new elections. A common assessment is that the Islamic movement would only increase its support from the 21 percent of the electorate it received in December.

appears more confident than ever. Its representatives are mayors of leading cities, including Istanbul, and they say Western diplomats are privately urging Demirel to give the Islamic party a chance to form a government. Moreover, fundamentalists have been receiving financial support, especially from Iran, whose embassy has been accused of fomenting unrest. The fear within Israeli diplomat-

ic circles is that one of the two leading secular parties will quietly form a coalition with the Welfare Party. A senior aide to former prime minister Tansu Ciller said she is interested in a coalition with the Welfare Party with the aim of holding early national elections. Ciller later denied the assertion.

One prospect raised by the Israelis is that Turkish politicians and bureaucrats will begin to rethink their commitments. One such commitment which some leading Turkish politicians are appearing to back off from is secularism, a principle set by the

founder of modern Turkey, Keynal Atamik.

"Here the word 'opportunism' does not have a negative connotation," one source said. During his visit, Weiznen did

not hide his concern about a change in Turkey's policy toward Israel. After his meeting with Ciller, the president said they discussed "Turkey's problems," a reference to the failed efforts to establish a non-Islamic coalition Earlier, Weizman told Israeli reporters that he was confident that Demirel and the army would not allow for such a government.

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Yilmaz, the outgoing prime minister, agrees. "An Islamic government will not be the case in the future," he says. "Secularism in Turkey is much more deep-rooted than is thought to be the case abroad."

Still, Israeli diplomats have been meeting with Islamic politicians. The effort is aimed at convincing them that cooperation with Israel is in Turkey's national interest. At this point, diplomatic circles say, they can't tell whether their message is getting through.

"I can't dictate a more Islamic or less Islamic [government]," Weizman says. "I hope that any government that will be estab-lished will continue the relationship with us."



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Elite to become holding company

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ELITE Industries will be turned into a holding company, under which the company's domestic and foreign activities will operate as two independent subsidiaries, a company source said yesterday. Elite Holdings will be managed

by an executive committee including representatives of the company's two major shareholders, the Federman and Strauss families. David Federman, chairman of Elite, and his father Yitzhak Federman will serve on behalf of the Federman family, while Strauss will be represented by company president Michael Stranss and his daughter Ofra Stratiss.

"Several months ago, when I decided to temporarily take upon myself the position of general manager, I committed myself to stabilizing and strengthening the company and also to appoint a new manager," Federman said. "I am convinced that the series of measures taken in the last few months, including the appointment of a professional manager in the food industry, are an indication of a new era for the company." Heading Elite's local market

activities will be Amikam Cohen, who was appointed to the position only this week. The appointment was made about five months after David Federman acquired control of Elite from the British Man company and made the Stranss family a part-

Cohen, who will step into the position at the start of July, will be in charge of the day to day running of Elite's six factories, as well as localproduction, distribution, and marketing. Cohen previously served as managing director of The Stranss Group, a position he held for five years. During this period, Stranss sales more than doubled to \$230m. from about \$100m.

Modi Peled, will continue to manage Elite's overseas activities, mainly the operation of its seven factories

Sources in Eline said Cohen's appointment comes after many months of uncertainty, during which David Federman served as chamman and temporary general manager, after Yair Shamir and Natan Nissani. the two previous managers, resigned due to conflicts with Federman.

Czech Social Democrats want banks under private ownership

PRAGUE (Reuter) - The Czech Social Democrats, a key power in parliament after recent elections, support further privatization of the four largest Czech banks but want to keep their control in Czech hands, a senior official

The party's first deputy chairman, Karel Machovec, told Reuters in an interview on Wednesday evening that he believed foreign investors should be allowed limited entry to Czech banks through issues of non-voting global depository receipts (GDRs).

But Czech capital should be in the fore of any further privatization, he said. "We think that it is necessary to privatize these institutions mostly with Czech capital," Machovec said. "Which government lets the banking sector be under control of foreign capital? I think that is done in banana republics, not in standard economies."

Following the elections, the Social Democrats are placed in a surprisingly strong second position in the ruling center-right coalition, led by the Civic Democratic Party (ODS) of Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus.

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Shohat: Budget Dept. must be Treasury's

PLANS to remove the Budget Department from the Treasury, and transfer it to an expanded Prime Minister's Office, are unworkable and must ultimately be shelved, Finance Minister

Avraham Shohat said yesterday.

In a farewell meeting with business editors after four years in office, at which he also discussed the new government's economic prospects, the status of the Bank of Israel, the state of privatization. and the roots of his party's electoral defeat, Shohat said plans to restructure the Treasury - originally sketched out by some of Shimon Peres's confidants stemmed not from objective considerations but from a quest to

In a Treasury shorn of the authority to funnel the national budget into the various ministries. he said, the accountant-general would be in constant conflict with the prime minister's new budgetary arm, and it would become unclear which of the two actually sketches out fiscal policy.

concentrate political power.

As for the new government's economic prospects, Shohat said they would hinge on the development of the peace process and on Jerusalem Post Staff

the cost of its promises to its various coalition partners. "A regression in the peace process, should there be one, would impact on Israel's stature among foreign investors and trade partners," he

Shohat said the cost of the budding coalition is bound to be exorbitant. Though he noted that all prospective partners - including the National Religious Party and Yisrael Ba'aliya – would gobble currently nonexistent budgets, the most costly coalition partners appear to be the haredi parties, whose housing and education demands will inevitably be in the billions of shekels.

Such expenditures would abort all attempts to execute the cuts which must be made to treat Israel's budget, trade, and currentaccount deficits, he said.

With regards to his often strained relationship with Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, Shohat said he believes the central bank should be reformed so that a "council of governors" would approve the governor's policy

recommend to his successor at the Treasury not to treat inflationary targets without relating at the same time to other macro-economic parameters.

As for privatization, Shohat said the overall sale of \$2.5-billion worth of assets by the outgoing government was an unprecedented achievement, and added that Binyamin Netanyahu's declared intention to sell 50 government companies is "unrealistic," considering that too many of them are, by definition, unprofitable.

Concerning his own future, Shohat said he turned down an offer to head the Knesset Economics Committee, since he prefers to be a member of the Finance Committee.

He said his Labor's surrender four years ago to Meretz's demands to have veto power over the inclusion of additional coalition members was misguided. Shohat referred specifically to the exclusion of Rafael Eitan's Tsomet from the late Yitzhak Rabin's cabinet, after the two had reached a coalition agreement.

Shohat reiterated his support for Ehud Barak as Peres's heir.

Ports and Railways Authority blasts proposed end of tax exemption

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Referring to the proposed change, Yosef Gazit, head of the PRA's finance department said, "The people of Israel will have to pick up the bill." After several months of ana-

lyzing statutory corporations. tax status, a committee headed. by the of the Finance Ministry Director-General David Brodet week recommended annulling the tax-exemptions the PRA and the IAA have been enjoying since the 1950s, when the ports only handled small contracts and were not an integral part of the business sector. The Finance Ministry said

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that because competing organizations are not entitled to the same tax exemptions, the IAA and PRA have an unfair advantage against their competitors.

But Gazit said the proposed

change reflects the ministry's

shortsightedness. We still have things to say," said Gazit, noting that the PRA has still not been officially told of the change. "Whoever has

done this has been too hasty." Gazit said that if the annulment goes through, the PRA will have to pay additional taxes both to the government as well as to each municipality where it has an interest, and will only be able to do this at customers' expense.

The Finance Ministry team stressed that employees' pension rights will not be affected by the recommendations.

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Nick Leeson.

Also cleared were Edmund Wong, a director of Contac Software Engineering Pte Ltd., which supplied Barings' computerized settlement system, and Daniel Argyropoulos, a close friend of Leeson and a trader with FCT (Singapore) Ptd Ltd.

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Singapore's government said it will not bring criminal charges against the top two executives of Barings Futures (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., bringing its 15-month investigation of the

Singapore's Commercial Affairs Department said it found "insufficient grounds" to charge James Bax or Simon Jones, who were the direct bosses of former Barings trader

The statement brings to an end the only criminal probe against former executives of Barings and ensures that Leeson will be the only Barings employee to serve prison time because of the collapse of the mer-

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BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Vegetable exports up 60 percent: Vexports to Europe and the US in the year ending winter of 1995-96 rose by 60 percent on the previous

12 months, reported the Vegetable Board. Exports totaled NIS 370 million, and comprised 128,000 tons com-

pared to 80,000 in '94-95. Some 50% of sales abroad were of potatoes. The last season saw the development of various new export markets, said the board's director general, Ephraim Shalom. For the first time vegetables were sold to Jordan - 500 tons of carrots from Kibbutz Sa'ad for example.

Righer payments to Holocaust survivors requested: Finance Minister Avraham Shohat has requested the Knesset Finance Committee to allow a 24 percent increase in payments to Holocaust survivors. If approved the payment would be retroactively paid from March this year.

The increase would be worth between NIS 150 and NIS 600 a month, bringing the national figure to an annual NIS 35 million. D avid Harris

Cars here traveled 30.6 billion km: Vehicles traveled a total of 30.6 billion kilometers on Israel's roads in 1995, an 11 percent increase on the previous year, according to the latest figures from the Central Bureau of Statistics. The CBS said the average private car covered some 17,300 km, with taxis 89,800km, buses 67,500 km and diesel fueled trucks 51,200 km a year.

May housing index predicted to rise: The May housing index will increase 2.2 percent reflecting a rise in building product input prices and also the change in the dollar exchange rate, the Association of Contractors forecast yesterday.

Shlomi Ben-Ezri, a member of the association, said the rise in the housing clause will contribute 0.5% to the May Consumer Price Index. The Association forecasts the May CPI to rise 1.2%. Since the start of the year apartment prices went up 6.5% in nominal terms, equivalent to a 2% real rise in prices. The Association said other housing related clauses also went up in May, including the cost of maintaining an apartment, which increased 1%. Galü Lipkis Beck

Erron to reduce holdings in Orbotech: Elron plans to reduce its 18 percent holding in Orbotech, a Yavne-based provider of computer technologies, the company announced yesterday.

Elron, a holding company whose interests include Elbit Computers and companies engaged in medical diagnostic imaging and data communications, has delivered a draft of a prospectus to the Securities Exchange Commission for the issuance of 2.5 million shares of Orbotech (Nasdaq). More than one million of these shares will be provided by current holders of Orbotech stock.

Jennifer Friedlin

Elscint Cryomagnetic, Magna-SL announce agreement: Elscint Cryomagnetic, a subsidiary of the Haifa-based medical imaging company Elscint, and Magna-SL, an American company, announced a license and distribution agreement yesterday that will allow Elscint to manufacture and market Magna's low cost, low field medical resonance imaging technology for extremities. While most MRI's cost around \$2 million, the new device will cost between \$350,000 and 600,000 and is expected to significantly reduce costs for patients, said Yuval Yanai, CFO of Elscint.

American Express offers calling card: American Express is offering a Global Calling Card free of charge in the framework of its strategy to increase services and benefits to card holders. The calling card is operated by Global One, a company connected to the US-based Spring, The German Deutche Telekon and the French France Galit Lipkis Beck

British business delegation arrives Monday: A 22-man top-leve delegation of British businessman, led by Marks and Spencer Chairman Sir Richard Greenbury, will visit Israel on Monday for an intensive day of talks with their Israeli counterparts, led by Manufacturers' Association President Dan Proper.

The meeting is being held under the auspices of the Israel-Britain Business Council, which was established in March 1995 on the initiative of the British and Israeli prime ministers, John Major and the late Yitzhak Rabin.

The council has established five working groups in the fields of science and high-tech R&D, infrastructure projects, education, health care, and financing and it will study their reports, assess work in progress and evaluate proposals for future action. Douglas Davis

Gov't rejects PA request to import Saudi mutton

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

MINISTER of Agriculture Ya'acov Tzur has rejected the Palestinian Authority's request to import 10,000 slaughtered sheep from Saudi Arabia, the ministry's spokesman said yesterday. The government refused the

request to import the sheep, which were slaughtered in April during the Moslem Feast of the Sacrifice, due to fears regarding the possibility that the meat might be infected with certain diseases.

"It's not because the meat comes from Saudi Arabia" that we refused it, said spokesman Ronny Hassid, acknowledging that the government's decision has angered the PA. "It's because the meat can be dangerous."

According to Arnon Shimshony, director of Israel's Veterinary Services and Animal Health Department, meat such as that offered by Saudi Arabia, which is on the bone, can carry potentially lethal diseases such as hoof and mouth disease. Israel only imports meat that is on the bone from eight countries, all of which have open relationships and data exchange arrangements with Israel regarding the health of the animals. Saudi Arabia and Israel have no such arrangements. Meat that is off the bone is less

likely to carry infectious diseases and therefore may be imported from a wider range of countries. The PA could not be reached for

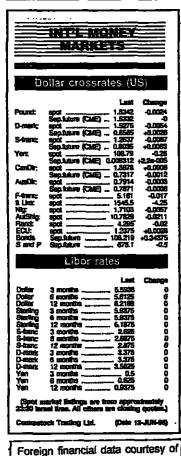
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SOURCE: BANK LEUM

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Fears of higher inflation causes TASE to fall

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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212.60 Maof Index

Two-Sided Index

SHARES fell yesterday for the second day amid losses in Israeli companies traded on Wall Street and concern inflation will

The Maof Index fell 0.39 percent, to 212.6, and the Two-Sided Index fell 0.35%, to 201.81. The indexes declined more than 3.5% from the preceding Thursday. "There's a general weakness in

the market," said Oren Meytes, a senior analyst at Central Securities in Tel Aviv. "There's worry that government spending and the budget deficit will increase, leading to growing inflation." Of 990 shares trading across

the exchange yesterday, 18 shares fell for every 5 that rose. Some NIS 56.1 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 5.3 million below Wednesday's level and about NIS 35 million below last week's average trading level.

Declining shares yesterday included Koor, which fell for a second day, declining 0.75% in late trading, following declines in Koor's American Depositary Receipts, which fell 1/4, to 18, on Wednesday. Koor's ADRs were unchanged in early trading

Investors will be watching the Consumer Price Index for May. due to be announced today.

Declining shares yesterday cluded Bezeq, which fell 0.75%; Osem, which fell 2.5%, and Koor subsidiary Tadiran, which fell 2%. Africa Israel fell 1%; IDB Holdings fell 1.25%, and Super-Sol fell 1.5%.

Banking shares on the Maof Index were little changed, with Bank Hapcalim and Bank Leumi both falling 0.25% and First International Bank closing unchanged. Earlier in the week, investment firm Salomon Brothers announced it had initiated coverage of Bank Hapoalim with a

buy" recommendation.
Maof Index-listed Teva Pharmacenticals closed unchanged. Teva's ADRs, which fell 3/8 to 4 on Wednesday, were unchanged yesterday in early trading.

Gaining Maof shares included Israel Corp., whose chairman Shoul Eisenberg held meetings ing a stake in Israel Chemicals
Ltd. from the government, said
Meytes. (Bloomberg)

FTSE remains stagnant

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Shares ended modestly lower in a London market still looking across. the Atlantic for direction. Attention again centered on Treasury bonds and economic data in the US which overshadowed lowerthan-expected UK inflation data. The market showed neither the confidence nor the inclination to make a decisive move. The FTSE 100 continued to remain firmly confined to its recent 3,700-3,800 trading range, closing at 3,761.7,

FRANKFURT - Shares reached a record high of 2,578.17 points in afternoon post-bourse trade, but traded off record highs over the course of electronic German share trade in the afternoon. The IBIS DAX index of 30 bluechip German shares ended the day at 2,566.13 points. The DAX index of German stocks earlier ended a lackluster bourse session down 1.41 points at 2,567.47

a loss of 7.5 points.

PARIS - Shares closed slightly weaker under the influence of lower bonds and an easier opening of Wall Street after US May retail sales data, dealers said. The German and French central banks left their rates unchanged. The blue-chip CAC-40 index was down 6.59 points or 0.31 percent at 2,126.20

ZURICH - Shares rebounded from early weakness to close slightly higher, reaching above the psychologically important level of 3,600 points in the binechip Swiss Market Index (SMI) that was overcome on Wednes-

day for the first time this month. The broad Swiss Performance Index (SPI) edged up 2.39 points, or 0.1%, to 2,337.05 points.

TOKYO -- Stocks closed slight ly lower after hovering in a tight band. Fairly active profit-taking on the perception that the weak yen and Japan's soft monetary policy will continue. The key Nikkei average closed down 22.40 points, or 0.10%, at 22,082.40.

HONG KONG - Stocks ended down sharply but well off latesession, futures-driven lows. "I think basically the Hong Kong market is just worried about interest rates," said Michael Ng. dealing director at Sassoon Securities. The blue chip Hang Seag index fell nearly 93 points, or 0.85%, to close at 10.866.

SYDNEY - Shares ended low er, sagging under the weight of twin burdens of uncertain metal prices and the nation's largest bank, National Australia Bank. going ex-dividend. The All Ordinaries index fell 11.5 points to close at 2,200.6.

JOHANNESBURG - Shares ended firm in quiet trade, with industrials off best levels after futures-related trading in the morning tapered off at noon. Golds were softer on a lackinster bullion price and a stronger rand. The all-share index was up 19.8 points to 6,840.1, the industrial index gained 36.5 points to 8,112.6 and the gold index fell 4.5 points to 1,832.

New York stocks end lower as technology shares fall

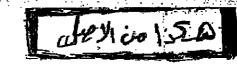
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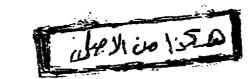
profits in its first quarter. According to early, unofficial

results, the Dow Jones industrial average was off 10.34 points at 5,657.95. Volume was moderate as about 382 million shares: changed hands on the New York ! Stock Exchange, where declining issues beat advances by about 13

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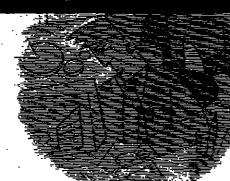
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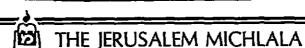
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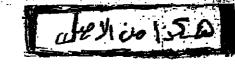
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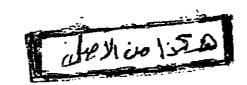
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There just aren't many lucrative

fairs, Defense and Finance - For-

eign Affairs will go to Gesher's

David Levy by prior arrange-

ment. Defense, barring any sur-

prises, is likely to be handed to

Finance is still shrouded in

some mystery, but according to

the Likud grapevine last night, if

it doesn't go to an outsider, Ariel

Sharon's chances to get a

trimmed Finance portfolio have

The portfolio will come with-

out the powerful budget division,

which is to transferred to the

Prime Minister's Office, but the

prestige value of being named to

one of the top three ministries

might satisfy Sharon. This would

free up the Housing portfolio for

United Torah Judaism, which

But those who are not in the

leadership circle have almost

nothing left but crumbs. Justice.

according to Likud sources yes-

terday, may go to outsider Ya'a-

cov Ne'eman and not to one of

Small ministries like Environ-

ment, Energy and Science are

used to pad the portfolios handed

out to the coalition partners. Ne-

tanyahu is limited to an 18-minis-

ter cabinet, including himself,

which means that he has to bunch

was that apart from the top three,

it would be Tsomet's Rafael Ei-

tan in Internal Security and Agri-

culture (watermelon and oats, as

Raful put it). That is, if the legal-

Shas will name Petah Tikva

Deputy Mayor Sinai Gilboa as

Interior Minister, and another

unknown as minister of Labor

Likud speculation last night

the Likud hopefuls.

up existing ministries.

ities are ironed out.

and Social Affairs.

might run it with only a deputy

improved.

rising star Yitzhak Mordechai.

Of the top three - Foreign Af-

portfolios left to hand out.

The NRP's Zevulun Hammer would get Education, a deputy minister-elect Binyamin Netanpremiership and a half term as yahu might want to be, there just Religions Affairs minister. Yitzisn't very much else that he can hak Levy of the NRP would get give. This is the root of his trouble with Yisrael Ba'aliva as well. Transport and Energy.

NEWS

If an agreement is finally reached with Yisrael Ba'aliya, Natan Sharansky might get Industry and Trade as well as Sci-

Avigdor Kahalani of the Third Way is in line for Tourism, perhaps with the added bonns of Environment.

The Likud's Dan Meridor, if he agrees, will become a minister in the Prime Minister's Office along the model of Yossi Beilin in the outgoing Labor government where he would be closely involved with the peace process.

So what's left? Only what no one else seems to want or what no one else will settle for. This includes Communications, Health, Absorption, and maybe Environment - if someone else doesn't get is as a

This is what Katsav, Tzahi Hanegbi, Limor Livnat, Ze'ev (Benny) Begin, and possibly also Uzi Landau and Yehoshua Matza will have to vie for. There isn't much to go for both quantitatively and qualitatively. The new electoral system has left the big parties not only with shrunken parliamentary representation, but also with very little clout in

BEGIN

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Israel," Kadishai said.

"I never once heard any statement from Menachem Begin, nor did I have any indication or sign, that he knew or thought that defense minister Ariel Sharon was lying to him," he said.

Kadishai added that Begin believed that the Kahan Commission, which investigated the Sabra and Shatilla massacre, did a great injustice to the Sate of Israel and to Sharon, who was forced to resign as defense minister.

ME violence may rise - Swedish research group

STOCKHOLM (Reuter) - A tremely vulnerable region. Swedish research group said yesterday that extremist violence was likely to rise in the Middle East as the peace process between Israel and the PLO continues.

In its 1996 yearbook, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said the November murder of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin showed the Middle East was still an ex-

'My wife and I came to strengthen them and we emerged strengthened by this incredible family, which exhibited supreme bravery after this terrible murder," Netanyahu said. Yehudit Dasberg asked Netan-

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yahn not to remove the IDF from Hebron, and to build a new Jewish neighborhood there in her daughter's and son-in-law's mem-

Earlier, President Ezer Weizman and his wife, Reuma, also visited the Dasbergs. Weizman, who had returned from Turkey on Wednesday night, apologized

(Continued from Page 1) He offered Sharansky the Trade and Industry Ministry, padded with the Science portfo-. lio. He also offered Yisrael Ba'aliya a deputy education minister and deputy absorption minister. This was flatly rejected, and Yisrael Ba'aliya continues to insist on two portfolios with two ministers. But it is assumed that if it gets Housing, it would agree to a

single minister. Eitan met again with Netanyahu, and Doron Shmueli, Eitan's closest aide, said that he asked not to be given any portfolio until the police finish investigating the four-year-old case against him in a week or two.

According to Shmueli, Eitan "was not barred from any office, but the attorney-general argued that it would be unseemly for him to be at the head of the force that investigates him. Even if the Internal Security portfolio is only reserved for him, the it would have the same effect on the police. But after the investigation is over, there is nothing which would bar him from any office, as

"The assassination...indicates that the political landscape of the Middle East remains subject to violent disruption at the hands of

Friday, June 14, 1996

extremists." SIPRI said. "Indeed as the process moves closer to finding solutions, the activities of terrorists on all sides can be expected to increase," it

added. The report, produced before the recent elections for Knesset

THREATS

that his state obligations prevented him from visiting sooner.

Political sources also said they would like to see a moderate statement emerge from next weekend's Arab summit, the first in six years. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa told Reuters he thought the summit will leave the door open to peace talks, but that the Arabs will expect Israel's new leaders to reciprocate.

'Ît is our position we shouldn't

and prime minister, also said the murder of Rabin had had a profound effect on Israel.

"Most Israelis were incredulous that a Jew could murder another Jew for political reasons. For many, the illusion that Israel was a country where heated internal debate could never lead to

civil war was shattered," it said. But despite its gloomy outlook, SIPRI said the two sides still seemed to be on course.

tango. The Israelis shouldn't close doors either," he said. Arab officials have made it

clear they will be looking closely

at the government guidelines on the peace process, the final version of which is due shortly. Moussa said he hoped Netanvahu would move to the "middle of the road," but added, "We haven't seen as yet any signs of . this... The atterances of the new-

Jon Immanuel contributed to

positive stauce."

ly elected party do not augur well

for the peace process or indicate a

close doors, but it takes two to this report.

the charge is minor and does not involve moral turpitude."

COALITION

It is assumed that in the end, Eitan - who along with Gesher's David Levy and the NRP's Zevulun Hammer is slated to become a deputy prime minister - will get the Internal Security portfolio, along with Agriculture. This, however, did not keep Likud pundits from seeking to figure out an alternative, should Eitan be barred from Internal Security. The most favored speculation was a combination of Agriculture and Absorption, with the Likud's Tzahi Hanegbi landing Internal Security.

But Liked ministerial hopefuls were highly critical of the deal with the NRP, noting that the party's own MKs will not get meaningful portfolios. MK Moshe Katsav warned yesterday that he would stay out of the cabinet if not offered a major portfolio. He did not like the notion of getting Health, and is seen as also bucking for Housing.

MK Michael Eitan reported that most of the work on the coalition guidelines has been completed. The Third Way's Avigdor Kahalani managed to change the clause on the Golan to affirm that "even in the event of a peace 6 agreement with Syria, Israeli sovereignty would be maintained in the Golan." His concession to the Liked was the phrase "in the Golan" which could leave the phrase open to the interpretation of a possible territorial compromise, thereby deflecting international

The NRP got the Liked to add a phrase to the settlements' clause, saying that the "policy of freezing [construction in] the settiements will be changed." This would not put the Likud too much on the snot internationally, as it does not speak of new settlements, but it is enough to satisfy the settlers.

On religious issues, the guidelines will avoid the thorny issue of returning to the 1992 status quo. instead a vague phrase promises that "all deviation from the balance will be exammed."

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The Sonics shot 56 percent to

the Bulls' 40%, made 53% of

their 3-pointers to Chicago's 25%

and forced 18 turnovers while

committing only 15. It was only

the second time all season the

Bulls lost by more than 10 points.

icism," Seattle coach George Karl

said. "But I don't think anybody

stopped believing in that locker

room. We were mad, we were angry, we were frustrated, we

The Sonics, whose 64-18 regular-season record ranked 10th in

NBA history, played like champions in Game 4:

Jordan for the first time in the

series, Shawn Kemp had 25 points and 11 rebounds despite

first-half foul trouble, Hawkins (18 points), Sam Perkins (17) and

Detlef Schrempf (14) played well

in supporting roles, and Nate

McMillan returned from injury to

provide both a physical and emo-

1 or 2, we could probably have

gotten one of those games. But

we didn't," said Payton, who had

21 points and 11 assists and

helped hold Jordan to 23 points

on 6-of-19 shooting. "Now we're playing this way, and I hope we

can stay playing this way."
The Bulls, of course, figure

they can't play much worse.
"We're entitled to a bad game.

Let's try to limit this to one,"

Jordan said. "Chalk this one up to

them. They seemed very defiant.

We'll see if they can maintain it

Friday. I guarantee that we'll

come back and play better. This

team's got to get us three more

As for the Bulls' place in histo-

ry, Jordan told reporters: "That's

for you guys to decide. We never

"If we played like that in Game

Gary Payton outplayed Michael

were annoved.'

tional lift.

"This team's taken a lot of crit-

It ain't over: Sonics win Game 4 in blowout, 107-86

SEATTLE (AP) - Not this time. Not in their house. The Seattle SuperSonics refused to be stooges for the Bulls, keeping Chicago's quest for history on hold for at least one more game.

"Vindication? I don't know if I want to call it vindication," Seattle's Hersey Hawkins said. "But after not playing well the other night, having our hearts tested, our courage tested, that made us want to come out and play with a lot more intensity.

"When everyone has already counted you out, it's a lot easier to play loose, to go out and have fun, and that's exactly what happened. I think you finally saw the way the Sonics are capable of playing basketball." Coming off a 22-point loss that

put them in position to be swept right out of the NBA Finals, the Sonics dominated Wednesday night in a 107-86 victory over the supposedly unbeatable Bulls.

Chicago played nothing like the best team in history, a title it might have claimed with a victo-

After cruising through a record 72-win regular season, the Bulls won 14 of 15 playoff games. Not only could they have won the NBA championship Wednesday, they could have done so with a best-ever 15-1 postseason mark.

Tonight the Bulls will again go for their fourth championship in six years. Even with a victory, however, there will be those who would question Chicago's right to be considered the NBA's all-time

"As players, we knew what we had at stake," said Chicago's Scottie Pippen, who scored only nine points on 4-of-17 shooting. "I'm sure the Sonics knew it, too, and they stepped up their play. They outplayed us.'

Propes 4-17 0-9 9, Rodman 4-6 0-0 8, Longley 5-8 2-2 12, Harper 1-3 8-0 2, Jordan 6-19 11-13 23, Kulcoc 6-11 0-0 14, Kerr 1-6 2-2 5, Wennington 2-4 0-0 4, Buechler 0-1 0-0 0, Salley 0-0 0-0 0, Brown

Kenp 12-17 1-1 25, Schrempf 6-13 1-2 14, Brickowski 0-0 0-0 0, Hawkins 6-9 4-4 18, Payton 7-15 4-6 21, Wingate 1-2 2-2 4, Perkins 7-13 2-2 17, McMillan 2-3 2-2 8, Scheffler 0-1 0-0 0, Snow 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-73 16-19 107.

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ELBOW ROOM - Seattle's Frank Brickowski dishes one out to Bulls' Dennis Rodman

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The Indiana Pacers traded

guards Mark Jackson and Ricky Pierce to the Denver

Nuggets yesterday for guard Jalen Rose and reserve

decided to give ourselves the best-team-in-the-history-of-thegame label. What we have to do is tage in the second quarter -

win one more game," The Sonics used a 28-11 advan-

Nuggets deal Jalen Rose to Pacers

Chicago tied a record for lowestscoring period in NBA Finals history - to take a 53-32 halftime lead. The Bulls never really threatened in the second half.

The prince came and kissed us, and now we have to wake up," Dennis Rodman said. "You can't beat a good team four in a row. That's impossible. It's only one game, we're going to come back Friday. It gives the people some

If the Sonics win again tonight, the series could get really excit-ing. The teams would return to Chicago for Game 6 on Sunday. No NBA team ever has rallied from a 3-0 playoff deficit to win a series. And, in fact, Seattle became the first since the New York Knicks in 1951 to win Game 4 after losing the first three.

So the Sonics are chasing a bit of history themselves.

"We knew we can win games," Payton said. "We made a lot of mistakes the first three. Tonight, we came out playing the way we were supposed to play. We've got to come here Friday and try to win that game, and hopefully we can go to Chicago and see what

"We thought they were a little overconfident," Kemp said. "So we came out and played very aggressively. The last thing you want to do is get to the finals and not win one game."

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Cruyff and Bergkamp lead Dutch to win

BIRMINGHAM (Reuter) - The Netherlands took command of Euro 96 Group A yesterday with a 2-0 win over Switzerland. Dutchman Jordi Cruyff, son of one of the most famous players in soccer, became his country's new hero when he scored the opening

Cruyff, whose father Johan led the Dutch into the 1974 World Cup final, smashed home his first international goal in the 66th minute. He was making only his fifth appearance.

Dennis Bergkamp added the second 13 minutes later to leave the Dutch top of the pool on four points, three ahead of England and Scotland who have a game in hand and play tomorrow.

Bulgaria 1, Romania 0 Hristo Stoichkov's early strike and an equalizer that didn't count meant Romania became the first team eliminated from the European soccer championship as Bulgaria triumphed 1-0 at

Newcastle in a Group B match. Soccer genius Stoichkov scored a stunning third-minute goal for his second in the tournament, But there was further disaster for the talented Romanians when Dorinel Munteanu "scored" with a shot that crossed the line after hitting the underside of the cross-

But the spinning ball bounced back onto the field and, although TV replays showed it was a goal, the referee and linesman had only one glimpse of the action and ruled it had not crossed the line.

"It was a goal," said Romanian captain Gheorghe Hagi, whose comer kick laid on the ball for Munteanu to shoot.

"What is astonishing is that the referee didn't even think it necessary to ask the linesman for his opinion," said a furious Hagi. Anyone who watches the television replay can see it was a goal, and can see me complaining with the linesman.'

The controversy also reopened the debate over whether there should be a fourth match official watching TV and able to rule on such decisions. UEFA's said its policy has always been that the referee's decision on the field is final and cannot be overturned.

after a 1-0 defeat by France, means that even a victory over Spain would not be enough to keep them in the competition.

*Sadly, this disallowed goal is the reason we will leave the competition," Hagi said. Another irony was that the

Romanians became the first team not to receive a yellow card in the competition yet the first to go The crowd of only 19,107 in

the 36,000 seater ground was the lowest out of 10 games so far yet those who did turn up at Newcastle's St James Park saw a solo gem of a goal from Stoichkov.

Team-mates to his left and right made runs which pulled Romanian defenders out of position and Stoichkov was quick to see the opportunity.

Instead of passing, he darted

into a space in the center, held off two defenders in a 30-meter run and casually prodded a left-footed shot inside the right hand post. Goalkeeper Bogdan Stelea, whose blunder handed France the winning goal on Monday, got his

fingers to the shot but couldn't

stop the ball going into the net.

Despite the loss of an early goal, the Romanians hit back with power which deserved an equalizer and should have had



Portugal vs. Turkey (8:30 pm) At Liverpool Czech Republic vs. Italia (9:30 pm) TOMORROW

Schott 'retires' to avoid ban

NEW YORK (AP) - After all the controversial words, Marge Schott went quietly, without a

fight.
The Cincinnati Reds owner, threatened with suspension by baseball's executive council, agreed Wednesday night to give up daily control of her team through the 1998 season.

"There was a succession of, events that led us to believe that it was in no one's best interests -'Mrs. Schott, the Cincinnati franchise, the National League and major league baseball - for her to continue on," acting commission-er Bud Selig said. "The interviews were not in anyone's best inter-

Schott, 67, angered Selig and other baseball officials with her statements about Adolf Hitler, working women and Asians during interviews with ESPN and Sports Illustrated in the past two

She joined George Steinbrenner as the only owners this half century who twice were forced to give up control of their team for more than one year.

"I don't know if there ever will be a finality to the black eyes that this organization continues to pro-Reds shortstop Barry .duce." Larkin said. "Major league baseball was looking for some way to silence Marge, get her to be more responsible.

She will retain her partnership shares as controlling owner of baseball's oldest franchise. But she will not be involved in day-today decisions, will not be allowed to speak for the team, and will not represent the Reds at National League and major league meet-

Unlike her suspension during the 1993 season, Schott will have access to all areas of Riverfront Stadium - including the playing field and her field level seats, ptivate box and office. Schott also will be permitted to approve the team's annual budget and advise in decisions about a new ballpark.

Schott - the only controlling female owner in baseball - will not be allowed to hire or fire employees, including the manager and general manager. Reds controller John Allen will run the team for up to 60 days. During after that.

that time, Schott and NL president Len Coleman will search for a mutually agreeable person to run the team through the 1998 season. "This is not in any way going to be a sham," Selig said. "This per-son will be the CEO, make no

mistake about it." Schott took control of the Reds in December 1984. Baseball officials had threatened to suspend

her through the 1998 season. "She accepted this, quite candidly, because otherwise she faced a complete suspension," Selig said.

It was the second time in three years that Schott agreed to give up leadership of the Reds. In February 1993, Schott agreed to a one-year suspension - later shortened to eight months - for bringing "disrepute and embarrassment" to baseball with her repeated use of racial and ethnic slurs.

Baseball's 10-man executive council - acting in the absence of a commissioner - last week gave Schott an ultimatum to step aside or face suspension. The council unanimously approved the deal during a telephone conference call Wednesday afternoon.

By accepting the agreement, Schott saved a substantial amount of money. A legal fight with baseball probably would have gone to an appeals court, and cases like than routinely cost more than \$1

Selig and other officials were embarrassed in April when Schott said in an interview that Hitler was "good at the beginning" but went too far."

In interviews with Sports Illustrated, she said women shouldn't work and spoke of Japanese prime minister Kichi Miyazawa in what the magazine said was "a cartoonish Japanese accent." In reference to seeing high school-aged Asian-Americans, she told SI: "I don't like it when they come here, honey, and stay so long and then

outdo our kids. That's not right." When Schott returns, she may be able to run the Reds only for two seasons. The team's partnership agreement expires in December 2000, and it's unclear if she will be able to keep her limited partners from pushing her out

orward Reggie Williams. Indiana two years ago. Pierce was signed as a free Rose, who's 6-feet-8 and 210 pounds, was a firstagent by the Pacers before the 1995-96 season and If it had counted, the was used mainly as a reserve. He averaged 9.7 round draft pick of Denver in 1994. He averaged 9.1 Romanians would have tied 1-1. points on 46 percent shooting and 5.4 a But the result, their second loss No relief for Maddux's drought

Williams is a nine-year NBA veteran with a 12.7

career scoring average. Jackson was acquired in an

offseason trade with the Los Angeles Clippers by

NEW YORK (AP) - Greg Maddux's winless streak reached five starts, his longest drought in five seasons, and Mark Clark pitched the New York Mets to a 3-2 win over the Atlanta Braves

on Wednesday.

Maddux (5-5), coming off one of his worst outings ever, gave up eight hits and three runs - two of them earned - in seven innings. Since his last victory, Maddux is 0-2 with three no-decisions.

Bernard Gilkey hit a pair of RBI singles, leaving Maddux at 19-11 lifetime against the Mets. Maddux's defense did not help him, committing two errors and a couple of other misplays. Clark (6-6), meanwhile, struck

out a career-high nine in eight innings. He allowed eight hits and won for the fifth time in six starts. John Franco pitched the ninth for his 13th save. Phillies 4, Cubs 3

Sid Fernandez allowed only two hits in 5 2/3 innings, and Gregg Jefferies and Todd Zeile hit consecutive home runs as host Philadelphia ended a six-game losing streak.

Fernandez (3-4) struck out nine and walked two in his first start since going on the disabled list May 19 with a sprained ligament in his left elbow. Ricky Bottalico allowed one run in 1 % innings for his 15th save.

Frank Castillo (1-9) gave up four runs and five hits in three-

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plus innings and lost his seventh straight decision as the Cubs' four-game winning streak was

snapped. Expos 8, Marlins 0 Jeff Fassero allowed five hits in eight innings and Sherman Obando homered and drove in three runs to lead host Montreal. Fassero (6-5) struck out five and walked none to win his third straight start. Mel Rojas pitched

> Obando, who went 3-for-4, hit a two-run homer run off reliever Kurt Miller in the fourth inning to give Montreal a 6-0 lead and added an RBI single in the sixth.

Reds 9, Padres 4 Two-run homers by Eric Davis and Brett Boone in the top of the ninth inning helped Cincinnati to hand the Padres their sixth straight loss.

The Reds led 4-3 going into the ninth when they got a solo shot from Willie Greene and then a two-run shot from Davis, his 13th, and Boone, his third, all off Dong Bochtler with no one out to make it 9-3.

Jeff Branson homered in the second inning and Padres starter Sean Bergman hit his first career home run, a three-run shot in the

AMERICAN LEAGUE Red Sox 3, White Sox 2 (12) Mike Stanley's sacrifice fly with the bases loaded and one out in the top of the 12th inning scored Jose Canseco.

Canseco, who struck out his first four times at bat, led off the 12th with a double and moved to third on Tim Nachring's flyout to center. Then Troy O'Leary and Bill Selby were walked intentionally to load the bases.

Stanley followed with a deep fly to center that easily scored Canseco with the winning run off Matt Karchner (5-1), who started the iming.

Chicago left 16 runners on base and nine in scoring position. The White Sox left 12 on base from the sixth inning on.

Athletics 9, Indians 6 Brent Gates' three-run double snapped a 5-5, sixth-inning tie and helped lift Oakland to a road

Jim Poole relieved Jack McDowell (6-5) with two out and men on first and third, but walked Jose Herrera to load the bases. Gates then drove a 2-2 pitch over the head of center fielder Kenny Lofton.

Steve Montgomery (1-0) pitched two innings of relief for his first career victory. Mike Mohler pitched the final three innings to earn his fifth save. Mark McGwire homered twice for Oakland, his 17th and 18th of the season.

major league-leading 25th homer.
Orioles 10, Tigers 7 Brady Anderson's tie-breaking

Cleveland's Albert Belle hit his

double in the top of the ninth inning helped Arthur Rhodes remain undefeated.

With the game tied at 7 in the ninth, Gregg Zaun drew a leadoff walk off Richie Lewis (2-5) and scored on Anderson's double into the right-field comer. After Mike Myers retired pinch-hitter Bill Ripken and intentionally walked Roberto Alomar, Rafael Palmeiro singled to score Anderson. Bobby Bonilla walked to load

the bases before Cal Ripken's groundout off former teammate Gregg Olson scored Alomar. Baltimore, with home runs

from Bonilla and Palmeiro, won its second straight after a fourgame losing streak. Blue Jays 7, Yankees 4

Carlos Delgado hit a three-run homer and Marty Janzen scattered eight hits over seven innings as the Blue Jays snapped a six-game losing streak with a home win. Janzen (4-2), acquired from the

WEDNESDAY'S NL RESULTS: Philadelphia 4, Chicago 3 Colorado 8, Houston 0 New York 3, Atlanta 2 Montreal 8, Florida 0 Cincinnati 9, San Diego 4
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Yankees last season for David Cone, gave up three runs, struck out five and walked two as the Blue Jays beat New York for just the second time in 18 games.

The Blue Jays took a 3-2 lead in the third. Alex Gonzalez and Jacob Brumfield singled before Delgado hit a 1-0 pitch from rookie starter Ramiro Mendoza (1-2) for his 10th home run.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. (AP) - The US Open began yesterday at a soggy, squishy Oakland Hills Country Club that made the greens soft enough to yield birdies and the rough even more penalizing.

Lee Janzen, the 1993 US Open champion, was one of six players to get to 2-under-par in the early going, with three birdies in the first seven holes offset by a bogey at No. 4. Another former Open champion, Payne

Stewart, also was at 2-under through six holes, and former PGA champion Jeff Sluman followed two pars with two birdies out of the gate to join them. David Frost birdied two of the first four holes.

Blaine McCallister and Mark O'Meara joined them briefly before losing strokes in the most likely manner at Oakland Hills missing the fairway or missing the green. Phil Mickelson, who had high hopes here because of his delicate touch around the greens, got off to a miserable start and never recovered, turning the front nine in a horrid 5-

attempting a flop shot from the first cut of rough, even though he had 40 feet of sloping green to work with. The ball ran past the hole, and he three-putted from just off the fringe. Nick Faldo made six straight pars before a bogey at No. 7. Jack Nicklaus, playing in his 40th straight US Open, was also at 1-over

He took double bogey on the first hole by

after a bogey at No. 1 and eight pars. Ben Hogan referred to Oakland Hills Country Club as a monster when he won the US Open in 1951. Imagine what he would say about it now.

Midway through the final practice round Wednesday, a small clap of thunder signaled

the start of a downpour that pounded the

course for nearly three hours.

The result was a steep bunker at the 18th green that caved in, knee-high water in the landing area of at least four fairways - and a lot more to worry about than long, tight fairways, severely sloping greens and shoe-covering rough.

The 96th US Open began yesterday under mostly sunny skies and a mild breezes that shook leftover rain from the trees.

"Yesterday afternoon, the No. 8 fairway had 5 feet of water in the deepest part, and they mowed it this morning," USGA agronomist Tim Moraghan said. "It looks very well. I'm

The forecast for the rest of the week is promising, but the deluge Wednesday, on top of showers earlier this week, has made the par-70 Oakland Hills play even longer than its

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

Public defender's office to open on Sunday

THE country's first public defender's office will open its doors on Sunday, the Justice

Ministry announced yesterday.

The public defender's office is meant to replace the current system, whereby courts appoint private defense attorneys for needy defendants. However, like court-appointed lawyers, public defenders will initially only be available to those facing at least a 10-year prison sentence. Justice Minister David Liba'i, who is largely responsible for the reform, has said he hopes the office will eventually be able to represent other needy defendants as well.

but there is no timetable for this. The initial office will serve the Tel Aviv area. **EVELYN GORDON**

If it succeeds, offices will be established in other parts of the country, but for the time being, these regions will continue to use court-

appointed defense attorneys.

The new system is meant to improve the defense available to needy clients in several ways, according to the Justice Ministry. First, the office will have its own staff of defense attorneys, who will work full-time at the job rather than being called in at random by the courts. Second, the office will have a budget to use for the needs of the cases it is handling. Third, there will be someone supervising the

quality of the work: The heads of the regional and national offices.

Since the public defender's office will not have enough lawyers to handle every case, it will also employ outside attorneys. However, it will pay these attorneys at a higher rate than court-appointed attorneys receive, which, together with the increased supervision, the

ministry hopes will lead to better performance.

Liba'i said the fees the office will pay outside attorneys are still below market rate, but he hopes to close this gap within three years. The national public defender's office will be headed by Prof. Kenneth Mann, of Tel Aviv

UN to pay 4 Israelis for Gulf War damage

EVELYN GORDON

THE United Nations has agreed to compensate four Israeli claimants for damages incurred during the Gulf War, the Justice Ministry announced yesterday.
Other claimants might also even-

mally receive compensation, however, because the current decision dealt only with claims of up to \$100,000. The special UN committee has not yet ruled on claims for more than this amount.

According to the Justice Ministry, over 90 Israelis submit-ted claims to the UN committee. However, a ministry spokeswoman said she did not know how many of these claims were for less than \$100,000, and therefore she did not yet know how many had been rejected.

The details of the UN decision, including the names of the four successful claimants, will be received by the ministry only in a few days' time, she explained.

Together, the four claimants were awarded a total of \$38,710, the ministry said.

Teva CEO pleads not guilty to tax fraud charges

TEVA CEO Eli Hurvitz and those indicted with him for tax fraud pleaded not guilty to all charges in the Jerusalem District Court yes-

from the Post Toy Fund.

The indictment charges that the Promedico pharmaceutical import and marketing company has evaded some \$18 million in taxes since 1982, including \$3 million during the years when it was a Teva subsidiary. Teva sold the company in ment, it did this by setting up a straw company overseas to conceal income, and by keeping fraudulent books.

Hurvitz, Benjamin Jesselson, Alexander Eisenberg (who ran Promedico until 1993) and the company itself all told the court yesterday that the agreement with the overseas company, which the state claims was fraudulent, was in fact a completely legitimate and above-board business deal.

In a statement submitted to the

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he, Jesselson and a Venezuelan businessman, David Weiss, discussed the possibility of buying a company called Preminger, which owned distribution licenses for several foreign drugs. Eventually, it was decided that the Weiss-Jesselson group would buy Preminger's business via a foreign subsidiary. Promedico, then a va subsidiary, would serve as this foreign company's Israeli distributor. The deal was approved by the foreign drug manufacturers, Teva's board and the Bank of Israel, and was reported to the

Members of 'The Jerusalem Post' staff and children from Neveh Ilan, near Jerusalem, enjoy the

moshav's newly restored playground. The playground, along with the moshav's pet corner, was

destroyed in last year's Jerusalem corridor fire, and was rebuilt thanks to a NIS 50,000 donation

stock exchange. Because the foreign company held the licenses on the drugs, however, Promedico had to pay it certain fees, the statement said. Contrary to the charge sheet, the statement continued, this money never came back to Promedico in any fashion. It was a genuine

considered taxable income. "This is really a charge which agreements," Caspi said. lacks all proportion," Hurvitz said after the brief hearing. Teva. he

said, pays \$150 million a year in taxes. What interest would it have in evading taxes to the tune of \$200,000 a year, he asked. Hurvitz's attorney, Ram Caspi, announced at the start of the hear-

ing that because his client was interested in finishing the trial as quickly as possible, he was willing to accept the statements made by all but two witnesses to the police exactly as they were, without summoning the witnesses and cross-examining them. The two exceptions, he said, were attorney Amnon Goldenberg and another lawyer from Goldenberg's office, who together drew up all the

agreements which the state says are illegal. They were responsible for the

The prosecution did not imme diately accept this offer, but Judge Avala Procaccia suggested that it consider it, and that the two sides inform her by mid-July as to what agreements they had reached. Actual testimony will begin on September 24.

"We aren't playing around," Hurvitz said after the hearing. "I want to dispense with all the witnesses but two, and just accept the police statements, in order not to waste time."

He also expressed confidence that he would be vindicated in the

"[I feel] like I'm at the beginning of a war," he said. "But I'm certain that I'll win."

'Yitzhak Levy will close Rehov Bar-Ilan'

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"I HAVE no doubt the one of the first things Yitzhak Levy will do as transport minister will be to close Rehov Bar-Ilan on Shabbat and holidays," Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Haim Miller (United Torah Judaism) said yesterday.

He was reacting to reports that the National Religious Party MK was the most likely candidate for

He said that Levy, as an observant Jew, couldn't close his eyes to the desecration of Shabbat on the street, which runs through a haredi neighborhood, despite his pronouncements on maintaining the religious status quo.

raindrops," Miller said, adding that closing Bar-Ilan was one of the demands UTI had raised in the coalition negotiations. He said the demand is backed by a majority of

Transport to Ben-Gurion

"He will try to walk between the

The demand was first raised

when Mayor Ehud Olmert was elected and formed a coalition with the haredi parties. Olmert promised "to study" the matter, then turned it over to a special committee. That committee recommended closing several side streets in haredi neighborhoods, which have been closed, and later suggested that Bar-Ilan be closed suggested that Bar-Ilan be closed during prayer times.

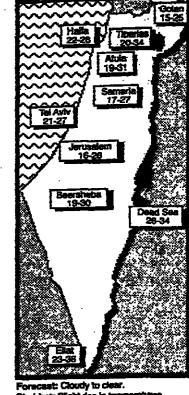
Meretz representatives protested this suggestion, saying there are so many synagogues in the area, with services at so many different times, that the street would have to be closed all day.

The matter became academic when the Transport Ministry ruled that Bar-Ilan is a main artery, and thus the municipality did not have the authority to close it. Since that ruling, the street has been the site of frequent haredi demonstrations on

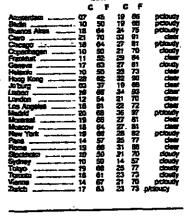
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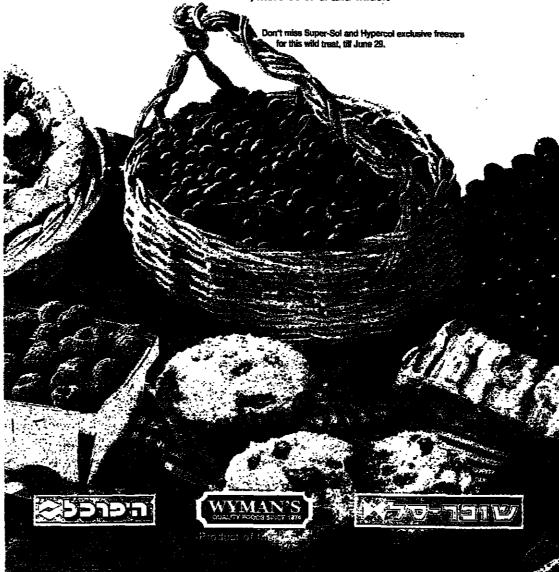
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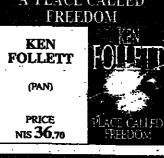
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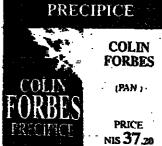




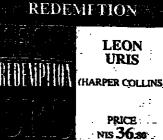


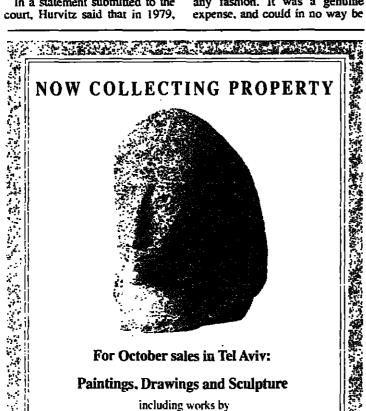
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